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Memorandum

Agenda Changes/Supplemental Packet

TO: MAYOR ZAK AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL
FROM: MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK
DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2018
SUBJECT: AGENDA CHANGES AND SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

WORKSESSION

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CONSENT AGENDA

Ordinance 18-08, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 21.28.020, Permitted Uses and Structures; Adding Marijuana Retail Facilities in the Marine Commercial District.

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Resolution 18-022, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving a Five Year Sublease at the Homer Airport Terminal for Ravn Alaska-Corvus Airlines, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents.

Lease information as backup Page 11

Resolution 18-023, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Homer Public Library Privacy Policy.

Library Advisory Board Minutes excerpt as backup Page 13

Resolution 18-025 A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Reinstating the Transportation Advisory Committee as a Standing Committee. Venuti.

Resolution 14-040 and Memorandum 06-47 as backup Page 15

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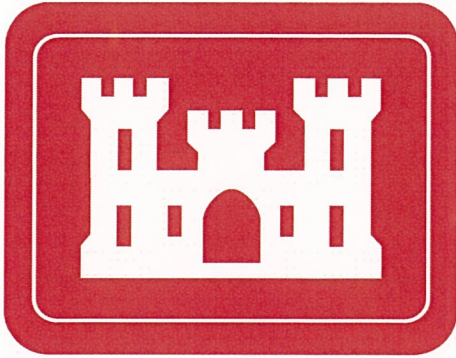
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**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
New York District

Design Submission Requirements Manual

From the Army Corp of Engineers Design Submission Requirements

<http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/Portals/37/docs/EngDiv/ManStdsProc2009.pdf>

9.3 PROJECT DEFINITION SUBMITTAL (10% - 15%)page 187 of 366.

During this phase the designer must define the customer's requirements and confirm that they can be met within the project's constraints. To that end, a comprehensive interface with the customer is required generally through a charrette or other previously approved data gathering process. The primary purpose of the design process at this stage is to gather any information from the customer that would be necessary in the design of the facility.

- a. State the building construction type and occupancy classification appropriate to the model code(s) in use.
- b. List the functional areas and describe their relationships.
- c. List authorized space allocations.
- d. Describe the energy conservation measures used in the design.
- e. Describe the noise control criteria established for the design.
- f. Describe methods to ensure safety and accessibility compliance with the latest requirements of OSHA, ADAAG and UFAS.
- g. State any requirements for exterior finish materials and color selection. Indicate that consultation has occurred with the Installation's Engineering Office, and that the Installation's program of architectural compatibility and the finish materials and colors selected for the project are in accordance with the installation's approved standards.
- h. Describe any special functional or technical requirements including, but not limited to, physical or classified document security, anti-terrorism and force protection, sustainable design.

9.4 CONCEPT DESIGN SUBMITTAL (30% - 35%)page 189 of 366.

The minimum requirements for this submittal consist of floor plan(s) drawn to appropriate scale, a Life Safety Analysis Plan, exterior building elevations, typical wall sections to indicate material usage structure, and a design analysis. Additional drawings may be required at this submittal due to the complexity of the project (i.e., research facilities, blast resistant structures, etc.) to adequately describe the proposed design.

Drawings

9.4.3.1 Composite Floor Plans

When the main floor plans must be drawn in segments in order to comply with the requirements for scale and sheet size, provide a composite plan for each floor level. These plans shall show the following:

- a. The general building layout showing exterior walls, interior partitions, and circulation elements (stairs, elevators, corridors, etc.) drawn to scale.
- b. The identification of major areas and their functional relationship.
- c. Overall building dimensions, out to out.
- d. Planning grid or column lines where applicable.
 - e. Match lines locations indicating larger scale floor plan segments.
- f. Cross-references for enlarged floor plans and building sections.

9.5 INTERIM DESIGN SUBMITTAL (50% - 65%) page 193 of 366.

The Design Analysis shall include all items in the Concept Design Analysis narrative and any revisions made necessary by comments about the Concept Design submittal. In addition verify site and building signage requirements.

Incorporate comments from the Concept Design review.

9.5.2.1 Building Plans

- a. Provide plans for each floor, roof, and ceiling showing dimensions, functional arrangement, and equipment for all areas, including corridors, exits, stairs, and utility spaces.
- b. The relationship of the building to exterior access, vehicle parking, service areas, etc., shall be indicated on site plans.
- c. Individual treatment shall be given to special design or items involving deviation from normally accepted standards.
- d. All column lines shall be designated to aid in locating project components.
- e. Identify fire walls, smoke partitions, and all fire rated construction.
- f. Show indications of phased construction if required.
- g. Thoroughly cross-reference section cut symbols on plans and elevations to detail sheets.
- h. Complete door and window details to minimum of 65%.
- i. Identify all interior wall and partition types on floor plans and reference them to detail sheets showing construction, heights, fire ratings, and acoustical ratings.

9.6 FINAL DESIGN SUBMITTAL (UNREVIEWED 100%)page 194 of 366.

Design Analysis

The Final Design analysis narrative shall include all items in the Interim Design analysis narrative and any revisions made necessary by comments about the Interim Design submittal.

From: Crisi Matthews
To: [Department Clerk](#)
Subject: Fwd: Agenda Item re: Cannabis on the Spit
Date: Friday, February 23, 2018 3:25:23 PM

Please include this one in the Council Packet also, thank you.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Crisi Matthews <shop@homershores.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 17, 2018 at 2:14 PM
Subject: Agenda Item re: Cannabis on the Spit
To: planning@ci.homer.ak.us

After attending the Chamber Annual Meeting yesterday, I found it interesting that there are two furthered points that should be considered in whether or not Cannabis should be sold on the Spit. Based on the minutes of the prior planning meeting, it seemed that the 'pros' comments weighed in as 'people are seeking it' and 'there is a profit in place for the City in tax revenues.'

On the Spit where I run businesses for 18 hours a day through the summer, I was asked once where Cannabis could be bought by a young girl likely in her early 20s who'd found an old ad for a Hemperie on Homer Spit. Nothing compared to the hundreds asking 'where is the nearest restrooms' and 'where is a good place to eat.' To me, that speaks volumes about 'what people are looking for.'

The statistics shared yesterday by Chamber staff were that Homer is the primary destination in Alaska for tourists based on numbers recorded at a state level. The most traveled visitor to our state is over 45 years old and that of all Alaskan inner state travel, Homer is the most traveled place the state

.
Being that statistics should drive our economical decisions, I would think our 45+ community is NOT traveling here solely for Cannabis. I think it's also safe to recognize for other Alaskans, they all pass through Cannabis selling communities before they arrive here if that is their primary purpose for travel. I think it also speaks to the fact that neither of these populations are traveling to Homer because it is the Cannabis Capitol but rather because other activities are drawing them here.

My focus in the upcoming seasons as we travel to market our businesses are to market travelers that are untapped. By this report, those untapped travelers that are also trending to relocation here and offer a viable option to make Homer great are the ages 28-44s. We, ourselves moved here for a slower pace of life and SAFER community to raise our children. We have invested heavily both in the community business-wise and by donating our time and resources to many different organizations. Many of the families in our schools are transplants. People who are moving here and plugging into the community are doing so because of the richness of Homer and it's community, not because they are moving here for Cannabis.

Relocation of younger families should be a consideration for 'where Homer goes from here.' They are an investment that includes property tax revenue and longevity of spending. School funding is per capita and that allocates state funds to facility improvements. Activities and youth sports generates a good draw of off season visitors to Homer on a weekly basis.

Commerce happens at all age groups, but most interesting to me is the idea that we are considering funding schools with the sale of addictive substances.

Specific to the Spit, our open space recreation area should be free of neighboring retail sales and the current POTUS Administration has spoken to the withdrawal of federal monies for sanctuary cities and states and the possibility of such for the prosecution by the attorney general for those legalizing Cannabis:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/15/us/politics/marijuana-laws-state-federal.html>

I think the question is 'Where do we as a City go from here,' 'What is our mission statement' and 'how does our planning allow for growth that will be prosperous to those who come to spend money in Homer and those who come to Homer and decide to stay and invest in it?' Most of all, "Who is the demographic and population we need to invest most heavily in supporting to keep Homer fiscally viable?' ALL the small business owners heavily outweigh the number of legislators here and my guess is most of Homer is saying, 'Yes, sure allow Cannabis Shops, but somewhere else in Homer, not here on my street.' Please consider the bigger picture. (Personally not in attendance to speak as we have other commissions we serve on tonight).

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Crisi Matthews

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From: Crisi Matthews
To: [Department Clerk](#)
Subject: Re: Comments for Planning Commission 12/6/17 and City Council in January
Date: Friday, February 23, 2018 3:23:58 PM

Please include in the Council Packet as well since this has progressed to that stage. Thank you.

On Tue, Dec 5, 2017 at 10:36 AM, Crisi Matthews <broker@cmreagent.com> wrote:

Dear Planning Commission and subsequent Council Members,

For the past 2 years we have endured what feels like a singular battle. There is a strong push from some in our community to open Cannabis Retail on the Homer Spit. We as private property owners have a vested interest in your continuing to support the existing zoning which DOES NOT allow retail sales on the spit.

In the past two of 3 ownership seasons, we have residency on the Spit and have seen a myriad of drug related problems. We have had a person in public campgrounds commit suicide, another OD upon which we had to notify the Police on 3 separate occasions for drug related intoxications on the beach where families were trying to enjoy themselves. We've also found needles and paraphernalia that is no longer solidarily home to Bishop's Beach. Furthermore, at Bishop's Pavilion, we've had cannabis smoking individuals arrive to our Boy Scout BBQ and try to join thinking it was the Cannabis Club Meeting that was to start an hour afterward. As we finished out BBQ, members congregated in the parking area and lit up pipes unaffected by the kids nearby working toward community improvement projects. Politely and awkwardly, we asked them to wait for their time to begin away from the gazebo as they discussed what Boy Scouts did when they were kids with our kids with a lit joint in their hand.

On one occasion, we notified the Homer PD that someone was selling Cannabis out of a vehicle and had offered it to our staff for purchase after business hours. Upon follow up with the HPD, we were told that they knocked on the door and asked the occupant if they were selling drugs, when they responded 'no' the HPD said there was nothing more they could do. Following that, a bag of cannabis was found at the ramp entrance to our boardwalk by our kids. We called HPD again and they said 'well you can bring it in if you'd like but we're not sure what you want us to do about it since it's legal.' When I asked them why they wouldn't take it into evidence for the possible retail we'd called in just a week earlier by the long term camper adjacent to our property as it was in distinct packaging, we were told they don't have resources for that.

I'm not just frustrated but surprised that the City continues to open itself for liability and exposure on this issue being it is the majority property owner on the Spit. It, as I said 2 years ago is a huge conflict of interest to allow operation on City land and in the zoning that exists OSR to each side of privately held property. The Cruise ships, the armed forces and the Coast Guard have all given firm indications there is no place for this in the maritime nor military community and that they will prosecute those who carry it on base, on military craft or on board cruise ships. Additionally, the federal government is the LARGEST employer in Alaska...so clearly the buying base for this item isn't worth the heeded warning from the largest state employer. This seems a clear indication where the Planning Dept. should be steering this issue.

I have spoken with the Harbor Master about past season public safety issues on the Spit. I've also discussed a larger vision for the Spit that includes deep water dock expansion, more freight options for increased income and a Shoreline repair project that would seek Federal Funding for the preservation of the Cook Inlet side that needs shore up that would involve the Army Corps of Engineers. Why would Homer seek short term increase of sales tax on

the Spit over long term projects that require federal support and put itself at risk by opening up the Spit's current zoning for this use?

I'm asking that you do not change the current zoning and that you continue to keep the Spit closed for Cannabis growth and retail. It is hard enough for the City to maintain public safety out there as it is.

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Loyally,

Crisi Matthews, Broker

c: [907-299-8700](tel:907-299-8700)

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EXHIBIT A

HOMER AIRPORT TERMINAL

AIR CARRIER/TICKET/BAGGAGE AND CARGO SUBLEASE

This Exhibit A replaces the previous Exhibit A that was included in the lease dated January 29, 2014 between the City of Homer, Sublessor, and Era Alaska, dba RAVN Alaska, Sublessee. As of Nov. 1, 2017 the lease premises are described as:

The office areas #108 and #109 and the ticketing area #107 directly in front of Office area #108 and #109, and the baggage make-up area (enplaning) which is directly behind office areas #108 and #109. This area is approximately 28 feet by 52 feet, or 1,456 square feet.

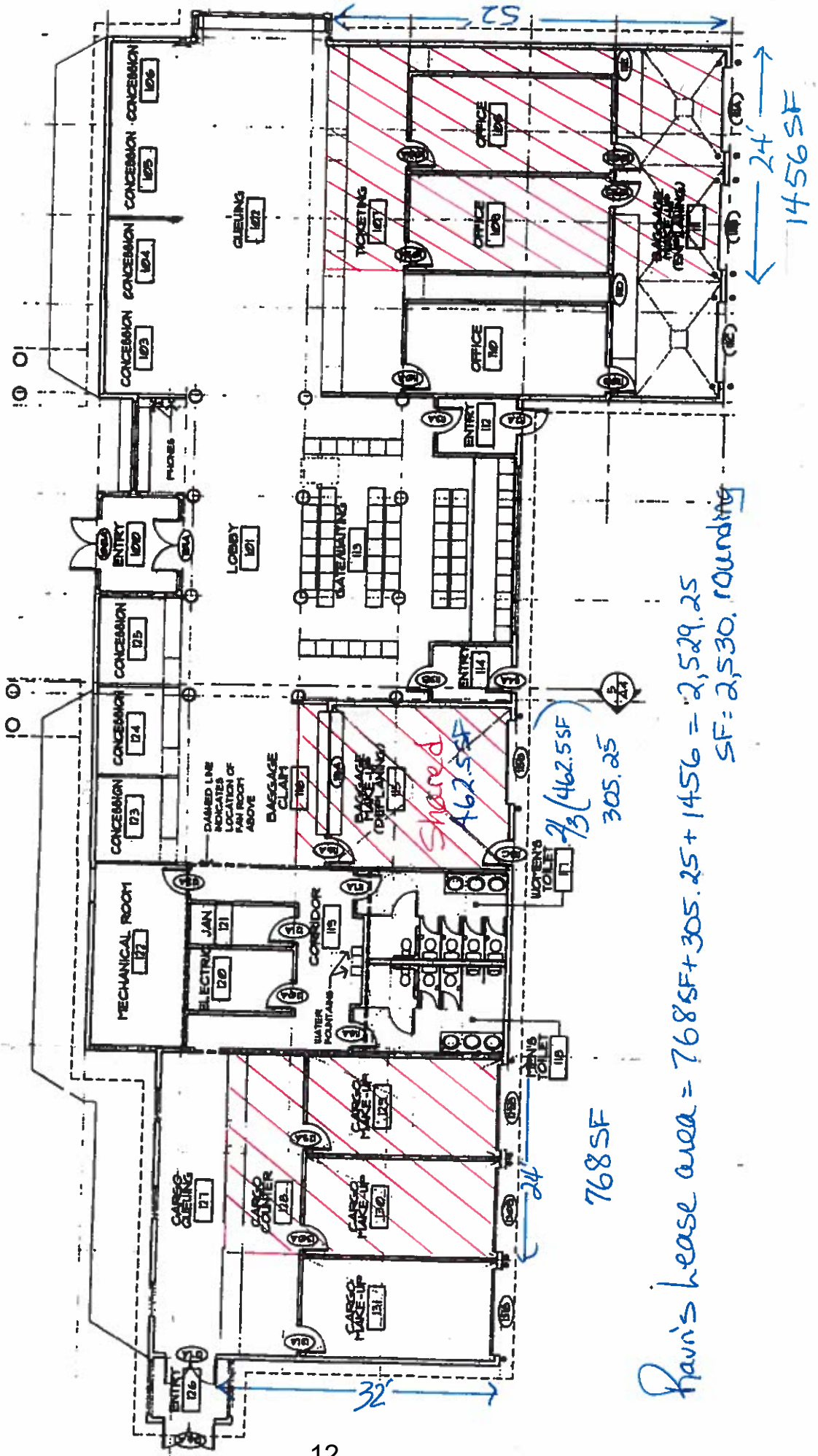
Two-thirds of the shared baggage make-up (deplaning) area #115 area. This area is approximately 24.5 feet by 18.5 feet and two-thirds (RAVN's portion) of the baggage area is approximately 300 square feet.

The Cargo make-up area #129 and #130 and the cargo counter directly in front of cargo area #129 and #130. This area is approximately 32 feet by 24 feet, or 768 square feet.

Total area consists of 2,523 square feet.

Dimensions	Square feet	Description
28 'x 52'	1456.00	Office 108 & 109, baggage enplaning area behind office 108 & 109, Ticketing 107 in front of office 108 & 109.
0.66(18.5' x 24.5')	299.15	Two-thirds of the baggage make-up (deplaning)
32' x 24 '	768.00	Cargo make-up area 129 & 130 and the cargo counters in front of Cargo make-up 129 & 130
Total	2523.15	New lease area square footage
Noted in lease	2523.00	New lease area square footage rounding down

City of Homer
Airport Terminal Floor Plan



Ravi's lease area = 768 SF + 305.25 + 1456 = 2,529.25
SF = 2,530. rounding

B. Art Loan for Library

Library Director Dixon reviewed the art application and explained that Rosemary Wells, a well-known children's author and artist, offered to temporarily display her original Stella's Starliner cover art through a project coordinated by the Alaska Center for the Book. If approved, Stella's Starliner will be hung in the children's library.

Board Member Kuzmaul suggested that this could be a topic that someone could write about for the article in the local paper.

KUSZMAUL/MASSION- MOVED TO APPROVE THE COVER ART, STELLA'S STARLINER BY ROSEMARY WELLS, AND TO BRING IT BEFORE PARCAC FOR APPROVAL.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

C. Updated Privacy Policy

Library Director Dixon reviewed the Privacy Policy and discussed the difference in liability between school libraries and public libraries as well as the liability the library could face if they release or don't release information to guardians of minors due to financial responsibility. They also discussed the age limit of a minor and whether or not they can change it in the privacy policy.

The Board unanimously consented to move forward with the updated privacy policy.

D. Heritage/ Historical/ Rare Books Collection

Library Director Dixon proposed offering a small collection of historical Alaskan books locked in a display case for the public. She explained that she has accumulated a small collection of interesting Alaskan books that should not be put on the shelf for general circulation due to them being too fragile or historical. In the future, she would like to be able to offer these books to the public, but in a more secure setting to guarantee the books will be well taken care of. However, she states that in the Library's Collection Development Policy

1 CITY OF HOMER
2 HOMER, ALASKA

3 Mayor/Council

4 RESOLUTION 14-040
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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL DISBANDING
7 THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
8 ASSIGNING ROAD AND TRAIL STANDARDS TO THE HOMER
9 ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION.
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11 WHEREAS, The first Road Standards Steering Committee was established in 1984 via
12 Resolution 84-81; and
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14 WHEREAS, The steering committee was directed to meet for a six-month period to
15 prepare a recommendation to the Council for an ordinance revising the existing road standards
16 and establishing future road construction standards; and
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18 WHEREAS, In 1987 the City Council adopted the Master Roads and Streets Plan and the
19 Design Criteria Manual for Streets and Storm Drainage via Ordinance 87-6(S); and
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21 WHEREAS, In 2006 the City Council adopted Resolution 06-36(A), renaming the Road
22 Standards Committee to the Transportation Advisory Committee.
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24 WHEREAS, In 2009 the City Council adopted Resolution 09-89(S), reducing the
25 monthly meetings of the Transportation Advisory Committee to quarterly meetings in an
26 effort to reduce staff costs; and
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28 WHEREAS, The Transportation Advisory Committee has completed the scope of work
29 prescribed in Resolution 84-71 and further road and trail standards can be addressed by the
30 Advisory Planning Commission with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission making
31 recommendations relating to trail standards.
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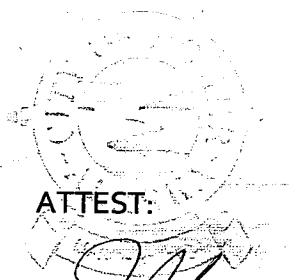
33 WHEREAS, Disbandment of the Transportation Advisory Committee will reduce
34 overlapping jurisdictions, increased bureaucracy, and staff costs.
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36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council hereby disbands the
37 Transportation Advisory Committee and assigns road and trail standards to the Homer
38 Advisory Planning Commission.
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PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL this 24th day of March, 2014.

CITY OF HOMER



ATTEST:



JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK


MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR

Fiscal Note: N/A

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MEMORANDUM 06-47 Informational only.

TO: MAYOR HORNADAY AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL
FROM: MARY L. CALHOUN, CITY CLERK *mlc*
DATE: MARCH 17, 2006
SUBJ: ROAD STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Mission of the Road Standards Committee: One of Council's standing committees. This Committee is advisory to the Council.

Annually review and make recommendations to the City Council regarding the Homer Accelerated Roads Program (HARP), specifically the criteria.

Review, comment and make recommendations regarding Transportation Plans.

Make recommendations or express support, etc, regarding Road standards, improvements, contour, speed limits, signalization, substandard roads, maintenance, TORAs,

The Committee developed the Homer Accelerated Roads Program Policy document pursuant to Council actions and compiled the information which Council adopted by Resolution.

Currently - other than the Boulevards Document, the Committee is doing what the Council and staff has requested. Regarding the Boulevards Document the Committee made some recommendations on the document; however, Council directed via Resolution 05-95, that the Committee finalize the Boulevard's Document, with specific regard to the Town Center Plan.

The Road Standards Committee (RSC) History:

Began in 1984, via resolution 84-81 The Road Standards Steering Committee, and was extended March 1985. Seven member committee: Designations: contractor, developer, engineer, surveyor, Planing Commission, General Public and advisory staff.

Reinstated in 1986, via Resolution 86-68: Five member committee: Designation: Public Works Director, City Council, Contractor, Engineer, Planning Commissioner.

Lots of work on the Homer Accelerated Roads Program (HARP)
Sales tax approved for the HARP October 1987

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Reinstated as the Road Standards Committee in 1989. Three member committee made up of Councilmembers with one a possible outgoing Councilmember if approved by Council. Advisory non voting members: City Clerk, City Manager, Finance Director and Public Works Director.

The Mayor appoints the RSC members and the Council confirms.

General Make up of the Committee has been, at least one current Councilmember, if not three and one person with the history of RSC issues, such as HARP. In 2001 an individual from the road construction world was added at the Mayor behest and in 2003 a Planning Commissioner was added at the behest of the Mayor. The RSC has generally been a three member Committee, in 2003 it became a four member Committee.

James C. Hornaday, Mayor - ex officio non voting member.

Staff that are advisory to the Committee: Mary Calhoun, City Clerk, Walt Wrede, City Manager, Regina Harville, Finance Director, Carey Meyer, Public Works Director,.

Committee Staff

City Clerk's Office provides staff support for research and development; meeting agenda and informational packet assembly, printing and distribution; recording of meetings electronically and via written synopsis; drafting of memoranda, resolutions, ordinance and other documents for reporting to and recommendations to the City Council; works with the Chair of the Committee regarding such items as these that are listed; and relays information to the Committee from the Mayor, Council and Administration.

Fiscal Note: NA.

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2015 Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

Homer is ranked the #67 fishing port in the U.S. by weight and the #55 port by value, with landings of 6.7 million pounds of seafood worth \$18.1 million.⁶

JOBS - FISHING

Permit holders, crew and vessels:

Commercial fishing permit holders: **599¹**
Total permits owned: **1,046¹**
Permit holders who fished: **485¹**
Commercial crewmember license holders: **727²**
Permit holders who fished plus crew: **1,212^{1,2}**
Percentage of local population who fished: **23.5%^{1,2,4}**
Vessels home ported: **601³** Vessels owned: **578³**

Each of these individual small and family businesses represents investment, employment, and income in the Homer community.

INCOME:

Estimated **ex-vessel income** by Homer-based fishermen: **\$69.7 million.¹**

Earnings generated from commercial fishing circulated in the local economy through taxes; purchases, rentals, hotels, electricity, entertainment, fuel, vehicles, food, repair and maintenance parts, transportation, travel, medical, and other services. **Virtually every business in Homer benefits from commercial fishing dollars.**

JOBS – PROCESSING

Seafood processing jobs in Kenai Peninsula Borough: **1,903⁵**

Alaska resident processing jobs in borough: **869 (45.7%)⁵**
Total processing wages: **\$15.1 million⁵**
Alaska resident processing wages: **\$6.7 million (44.7%)⁵**
Number of processing facilities: **30⁴**

Footnotes - Sources:

1. Commercial fishing permit activity and estimated harvest and earnings by permit holder are from the Alaska Commercial Fishery Entry Commission (CFEC) at https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/fishery_statistics/earnings.htm.
2. Crew numbers are from Alaska Department of Fish and Game commercial crew license list, and are the number of full year adult resident license holders who list their address in a given community. <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=license.licensefile>
3. Vessel numbers are from CFEC database data found online at <https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/plook/#downloads> and are a count of commercial fishing licensed vessels that list home port or ownership in a given community.
4. Number of processing facilities, and population data used to calculate the percentage of residents who fished, are from the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) Community Database: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/dcca/DCRAExternal>.
5. Processor employment and wage data is from the Alaska Department of Labor at <http://live.laborstats.alaska.gov/seafood/seafoodstatewide.cfm>.
6. NOAA, NMFS Office of Science and Technology, see reports "Total Commercial Fishery Landings at Major U.S. Ports" ranked by value and by weight at <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/commercial-fisheries/commercial-landings/index>.
7. Revenue figures are from the Alaska Department of Revenue Shared Taxes report: <http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/sourcebook/index.aspx>.

...AND MORE JOBS

In addition to direct harvester and processor workers, fisheries related jobs include fuel, accountants, consultants, air and water travel, hardware and marine repair and supply businesses, advocacy and marketing organizations, air cargo crew, freight agents, and scientists.

Government related jobs include Alaska Department of Fish and Game • Fish and Wildlife Protection/Alaska Department of Public Safety • Docks and Harbors • Alaska State Troopers • United States Coast Guard • University of Alaska School of Fisheries • Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory program, and more.

REVENUE to the State and Community through Fishery Taxes ...

FY 2015 shared taxes – **Homer received \$21,004 in fisheries business and landing taxes** through the municipal tax-sharing program from Homer fisheries landings and businesses.⁷ The State of Alaska received a like amount.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Homer is in House District 31, Senate District P.

Salmon is the most abundant and valuable species to Homer fishermen, with total landings of 114.2 million pounds worth more than \$42.4 million.¹



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Memorandum

TO: Mayor Zak and Homer City Council
FROM: Katie Koester, City Manager
DATE: February 26, 2018
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

Pittman-Robertson Funding

During our time in Juneau Representative Seaton mentioned a funding opportunity for wildlife viewing grants (Pitman Robertson). The State, unable to fulfill the 25% non-federal match component, has had to turn back almost \$4 million this year. Rep. Seaton is encouraging local organizations to present projects. The City has a couple of projects trail projects on the Capital Improvement Plan that at first blush would be eligible (Beach Access from Main Street which would include the rehabilitation of the bottom of the Crittenden trail and installing stairs creating a large loop). I am working with Representative Seaton's office to explore this funding opportunity further. The project would still need to meet federal eligibility requirements and go through that process. If it looks like it is indeed feasible to turn a project request around in short order, I will pursue an ordinance with HART trails money as match at the next meeting and seek the input of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Because of the timing I will likely need to be working with Rep. Seaton's office parallel to working on obtaining Council and Parks and Recreation approval. Regardless, knowing that the state is no longer able to take advantage of this opportunity for the time being it will be prudent to look to next year to explore cultivating a project tailored to this opportunity.

Draft Comprehensive Plan Updates (City and Borough) Available for Review and Public Comment

Homer's Draft Comprehensive Plan 2018 Update is now available. The public is invited to review the plan, attend an open house, and submit comments. The draft plan is available on the City's website and hard copies are at the Library and City Hall. The Planning Office is taking comments. An Open House will be held at City Hall on **March 1, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm**. This informal gathering will provide the opportunity to discuss the plan update, ask questions and leave comments.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is also updating it's Comprehensive Plan which can be viewed at www.KPBComPlan.com. The Borough will hold a community workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 28th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm and McNeil Canyon Elementary. Written comments can be submitted to comments@kpbcomplan.com or you can contact the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department at KPB 907-714-2206.

Travel Report: Alaska Municipal League Legislative Fly-in

Last week I traveled with Mayor Zak and Councilmembers Erickson and Aderhold to Juneau for the Alaska Municipal League (AML) legislative conference and meetings with Juneau officials. It was an exceedingly busy week – as detailed below.

Upon arriving in Juneau, we met with Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT) Deputy Commissioner Holland, Central Region Director Kemp and his staff to discuss Resolution 18-008 and the slope stability issues at the Baycrest subdivision. The focus of the meeting was to talk to DOT about directing water from a beehive that collects drainage from the Sterling Highway to a natural drainage on the other side of the road. DOT was exceedingly reluctant to spend any dollars on this project. However, they did recommend a Hazzard Mitigation program that we are looking into for the affected homeowners in the area and offered the help and expertise of their specialists, specifically a hydrologist and road engineer.

Senator Gary Stevens shared his opinion on the budget stalemate that has been thwarting Juneau for so long. While Sen. Stevens remained optimistic a percent of market value (POMV) restructuring of the earning of the Permanent Fund would pass this year allowing some revenue generation capability, it will fall short of collecting enough revenue to close the fiscal gap. Other options, such as a payroll tax, income tax, and sales tax remain unpalatable to the Senate. Unfortunately, the State's savings is almost spent, leaving the State with fewer and fewer options for the future. We shared the top 5 funding priorities with the Senator as an opportunity to update him on the progress of the police station and Large Vessel Harbor.

An early morning meeting on Wednesday with Representative Seaton also focused on budget woes. As co-chair of House Finance Rep. Seaton is in charge of the operating budget on the House side and very involved in fiscal issues. He shared his hopes for an early funding of education, which he felt likes was an area both bodies could agree on. We had the honor of being introduced on the House Floor and getting a taste of Floor Session. Hearing the various introductions was a reminder of all the interesting groups that come to Juneau to talk to the Legislature and all the issues they have before them.

In the afternoon we joined other municipal leaders at the AML conference and heard from newly appointed Commissioner of Commerce and recent Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor, Mike Navarre. His main point was the need for a diversification of revenue in order to give the State an interest in promoting all industries. As an example, the state gets no new revenue if there is a boom in retail, yet there are additional expenses (public safety, transportation system) that come along with that boom unless there is a state wide broad based tax. His argument was that this disconnect serves as an inherent disincentive to diversification. Commissioner of Administration Leslie Ridle presented on the PERS and TRS issue, which is a central concern of Alaskan municipalities. Though an increase in municipal contribution rates has not been proposed yet this session, the normal cost (actual cost per employee to cover the anticipated benefit) is schedule to go up which will put increased pressure on that issue as the State's on behalf payments grow. The afternoon speakers concluded with the Alaska Oil and Gas Association presenting on how their industry contributes to the economy. The Governor and First Lady hosted a reception at the Governor's mansion which provided an excellent opportunity to visit with other municipal officials and members of the Governor's cabinet. Informal conversation on the happenings of Juneau continued over a lovely dinner hosted by the Seatons.

Thursday morning began with a presentation on the idea of a new state-owned public corporation for the Alaska Marine Highway system. The intent of the Alaska Marine Highway System Reform Initiative is to infuse private sector expertise through the board of directions, provide consistent professional leadership of the organization with less exposure to political influence and provide greater alignment between management and labor. More information on the initiative can be found at www.amhsreform.com. The

morning continued updates from Alaska Municipal League Lobbyist Ray Gillespie and Executive Director Kathie Wasserman. In addition to fiscal issues, we were briefed on a number of smaller pieces of legislation that threaten to erode local control. Congressman Young's presentation held everyone's attention both because of his forthright manner and a colorful exchange over gun control between a political opponent who had made it into the meeting. My main take away from the presentation was the need to be prepared with transportation infrastructure projects for a potential infrastructure legislation. I will be working on follow up in that regard with the delegation. The Large Vessel Haul out project on our CIP has scored highly in similar such calls for federal infrastructure projects. The lunch speaker was a representative from the National League of Cities, an organization the City of Homer may be interested in joining. More information can be found at <http://www.nlc.org/>. After lunch we heard from the president of Foraker Group on the value of non-profits in the Alaskan economy, a report they recently published that can be found at <http://www.forakergroup.org/index.php/nonprofits-make-alaska-work-the-latest-research-on-the-economic-impact-of-alaskas-nonprofit-sector/>. I will be working Foraker on providing Homer specific information to share with Council – an analysis I know our local non-profits have also requested. Senator Murkowski addressed the group on federal issues with an emphasis on infrastructure funding. After Murkowski's address the Homer Delegation made our way to the Federal Building to meet with Rear Admiral McAllister and Chief of Staff Dickey with the USCG. In addition to letting them know how valuable the Coast Guard and the men and women who serve are to the community, we were able to update them on the progress of the Large Vessel Harbor Expansion project and inquire about the status of the assignment of the 4 Fast Response Cutters. These vessels will be involved in the management of off shore fisheries, among other things. They are highly technical and will require an increase in staff, and housing, wherever they are located. I remain optimistic that Homer is an excellent candidate; according to the Rear Admiral we should know in the next few months. The evening ended with a Legislative Reception hosted by AML and attended by legislators, staff and executive staff. Another great opportunity to visit and network. The meeting was Executive Director Wasserman's final Fly-in which also provided an entertaining platform to roast Ms. Wasserman. The AML board is currently undergoing a search for a new executive director. They have narrowed the candidates down to 10 and hope to have someone hired by May.

An exhausting, packed and fun filled trip! I hope you consider attending in the future, it is a great look into how state politics works and an opportunity to visit and learn from other municipal leaders.

From: [Katie Koester](#)
To: [Melissa Jacobsen](#)
Subject: FW: AML report
Date: Monday, February 26, 2018 6:24:06 AM

Hi Melissa,

Please include Councilmember Erickson's travel report in the supplemental.

Thanks!

Katie

From: Shelly Erickson
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2018 5:35 PM
To: Katie Koester <kkoester@ci.homer.ak.us>
Subject: AML report

It was a very enjoyable learning experience traveling to Juneau. I appreciated being able to voice concerns for areas in Homer and for our citizens.

My take away is:

1. It is time that we all work together as Alaskan's not as polarized constitutes, on many issues. For in holding to positions and not working together we get nothing done, and we will go further in debt as a community, state and federal government.
2. There are other cities facing the issues that we are, and we can work together to find the common solutions that help to grow our infrastructure, and deal with some of the areas of social concerns.
3. Most communities are enjoying the benefits of a bed tax, along with their sales tax. the only one that I talked to that didn't, was when the tax was funding a duplicate agency, instead of being used to benefit the city services and infrastructure as a whole.
4. The state does have a budget crisis. It is going to cost us all something. None of it is pleasurable, but if we want to continue to fund all the services, at some point it will be coming out of our own personal bank accounts. It is important that we are prudent with our spending, and making sure the decisions we make do not add extra burdens on people, but take care of the safety and welfare of our community.

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February 20, 2018

City Council, City of Homer
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Dear City of Homer Council,

It recently came to my attention that in 2017, Hospice of Homer failed to appropriately thank the City of Homer for their March 28 allocation of funds via the Homer Foundation. As you may be aware, this grant was allocated during a transition in leadership and unfortunately (and inexcusably) we neglected to thank you for our 2017 allocation of \$4,540. I would like to take this opportunity to apologize for the mistake and to offer a belated thank you on behalf of Hospice of Homer.

As you are probably aware Hospice of Homer provides the people of Homer and the southern Kenai Peninsula with end-of-life resources and care, medical equipment, and bereavement support. Grants from the City of Homer support our mission with funding for our general operations.

Such unrestricted funding is essential for small non-profits like Hospice of Homer. These monies support the day-to-day, nuts-and-bolts operation of our programs such as client in-take sessions, medical equipment maintenance, and outreach to the bereaved. It's our hope that the City Council takes pride in being a part of these programs.

We are honored by the support these grants have provided over the years. Hospice of Homer commends the City of Homer and The Homer Foundation for their collaboration.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jessica Golden
Executive Director



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February 2, 2018

Homer City Council
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Dear Council Members,

The Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies (CACS) would like to thank the City of Homer for continuing to support local nonprofits in the community through the City of Homer Grants Program administered through the Homer Foundation. We are especially thankful for the operational grant we received in 2017 through this program.

Operational funds are difficult to raise, yet extremely important to the functions of an organization. These local government dollars support our outdoor education programs that will reach over 6,000 youth and families in Homer in 2017, and will complement the donations of hundreds of hours of volunteer time and contributions of goods and services from businesses in the generous community of Homer.

As one of many non-profits offering important services to Homer residents, CACS will leverage these funds to help attract federal funding for our community-based marine debris clean-up and prevention activities conducted under the Kachemak Bay Coast Walk program. The Kachemak Bay Coast Walk directly impacts local beaches and provides a model for stewardship of beaches in other Alaskan coastal communities.

Operational funds help keep the doors open and facilities staffed, especially at our Headquarters location. Thanks to your continuing support and the support of others, we reached over 18,000 people in 2017 through our environmental education and stewardship programs in the Homer area and we hope to increase our local outreach even more in 2018!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Trowbridge
Executive Director