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Memorandum

Agenda Changes/Supplemental Packet

TO: MAYOR PRO TEM ADERHOLD AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL
FROM: MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK
DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2018
SUBJECT: AGENDA CHANGES AND SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 18-43, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Prohibiting Sellers from Providing Buyers with Single-Use Disposable Shopping Bags. Venuti.

Written public comment.

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NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 18-076(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Certifying the Results of the City of Homer Regular Election Held October 2, 2018 to Elect the Mayor and Two Councilmembers. City Clerk/Canvass Board. Page 9

From: [Kate Finn](#)
To: [Renee Krause](#)
Subject: Fwd: Thoughts on Plastic
Date: Monday, October 08, 2018 9:18:24 AM
Attachments: [images](#)

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kate Finn <hundredthmonk21@gmail.com>
Subject: Thoughts on Plastic
Date: October 7, 2018 at 11:03:04 PM AKDT
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Cc: clerk@cityofhomer-ak.gov

Dear City Council members!

Once you have looked at this tiny sample of distressing pictures, so easily available on line, please then read the also small amount of information available below. The science is so clear! As you read the info below, you will see that the problem is sooooo big that it almost makes one feel hopeless. BUT there are things **we can do**, and a way to start, is to stop using plastic bags!!

For those of you with constituents reluctant to see the huge benefits to releasing our lazy dependence on plastic bags and 6-pack rings——this is a great opportunity to be the leader you were elected to be. Share the unequivocal, clear science, help them understand the immediate and long term consequences.

When we can do something to slow the degradation of our environment, and diminish the suffering of the beings of the air, and the water and the land, including ourselves, then why would we choose not to act in their and our best interest??

Please be the leaders, and in this case educators, for the people who elected you!





HERE NO FLYING HERE NO EATING



Sea otter pup encased in a single-use plastic bag. Unfortunately mom was unable to remove the bag before the pup suffocated

Note that all of the material was copied directly from the web-sites listed.

1- "Parrys Raines wrote the following points in her blog post Interesting plastic facts: (<https://australianmuseum.net.au/blogspot/science/do-you->

[really-need-that-shopping-bag](#)).

Plastic bags and other plastic garbage thrown into the ocean kill as many as 1 million sea creatures every year.

An estimated 14 billion pounds of trash, much of it plastic is dumped in the world's oceans every year.

13 billion plastic bags are issued each year -an average of 300 per adult per year.

The worldwide fishing industry dumps an estimated 150,000 tons of plastic into the ocean each year, including packaging, plastic nets, lines, and buoys.

Last but not least but certainly the most shocking is that nearly every piece of plastic ever made still exists today"

2-Coming Clean:

see <http://www.onegreenplanet.org/animalsandnature/your-laundry-has-a-dirty-secret-and-its-harming-marine-species-and-humans/>

"Browne discovered that a single piece of synthetic clothing could release around **1,900 microfibers every time** it is washed and those fibers end up washed into the sewage systems or local waterways and eventually wash into the ocean. ...You might want to rethink your affinity for form fitting synthetics ... When you think about the number of clothing items you wash that are made of synthetics, the amount of microfibers washed into the ocean can easily rank in the 10,000s – multiplied by the millions of other people doing the same across the world, it is a wonder the ocean isn't completely composed of microfibers.

Sadly, this isn't

where the problem ends ...

Microplastics, or any fragment of plastic smaller than 5 millimeters, are easily **ingested by marine life** – largely they are not even aware they are ingesting these particles. There are many chemical compounds in plastics that are known human carcinogens, for example **PCBs, BPA** are commonly found in plastic and are capable of **bioaccumulating** within the bodies of humans and marine species alike. In the North Pacific alone, between **12,000 and 24,000 tons** of plastic end up being ingested by marine species a year. Worldwide, about **100,000 animals** will unintentionally consume plastic. As smaller fish consume these chemicals their concentration and **toxic effect increases** as you go up the food chain. When humans are at the top of that food chain, the levels of toxins we consume can be **extremely harmful** .

"These plastics can also contaminate our food and air. **According** to Browne, "Ingested and inhaled fibers carry toxic materials and a third of the food we eat is contaminated with this

material.”

“Essentially the plastics we are washing down the drain with our laundry are coming back to haunt us and infecting countless marine species along the way.”

<https://www.conserve-energy-future.com/sources-effect-microplastics-humans-animals-environment.ph> :

“Plastics have been known to soak up chemicals within their environs to very high concentrations. This is of particular concern owing to the fact that the sea has been the dumping ground for a lot of **industrial waste** for a very long time. The toxic chemicals include DDT, PCB, and heavy metals such as copper, cadmium, and lead. All these are absorbed into the plastics, forming very high concentrations, which are then transferred to the animals that ingest these plastics.”

“Human cosmetics: While environmental action is the most common way that are formed, the other relevant means comes from intentional human production of small beaded plastics. These have found use in the skin care and hygiene industry where small, plastic, microbeads are added to products such as shower gels and facial scrubs to increase their abrasive qualities and ensure that they provide proper exfoliation and cleaning. These microbeads then slowly find their way into the water systems where they fail to be filtered out before being pumped back into natural waterways due to their microscopic size.”

There is so much more information on-line...but you more than get the idea. Please help your constituents understand the urgency of action to stop plastic pollution!!

It goes far beyond plastic bags, but we can start there!

Thank You!

Kate Finn

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1 **CITY OF HOMER**
2 **HOMER, ALASKA**

3 City Clerk/Canvass Board

4 **RESOLUTION 18-076(S)**

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
7 ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESULTS OF THE CITY OF HOMER
8 REGULAR ELECTION HELD OCTOBER 2, 2018 TO ELECT A MAYOR
9 AND TWO CITY COUNCILMEMBERS.

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11 WHEREAS, In compliance with Homer City Code 4.35, the Canvass Board of the City of
12 Homer has opened, counted, and tallied the votes on absentee ballots including special needs
13 ballots, and question ballots found to be valid, that were cast in the City of Homer Regular
14 Election held on October 2, 2018; and

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16 WHEREAS, The total number of voters voting in the City Regular Election was 1617 and
17 reflects the number of voters, not the number of votes cast or ballots counted; and

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19 WHEREAS, In accordance with Homer City Code 4.35, the Canvass Board of the City of
20 Homer had inspected the precinct reports, Election Central Logs and entered the the results of
21 the absent and questioned ballots on the Certification of Election along with the results of the
22 precinct counts; and

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24 WHEREAS, The results of the City Regular Election held October 2, 2018, attached as
25 Exhibit A, is presented in the Canvass Board's Certificate of Election in accordance with the
26 Homer City Code.

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28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby certifies the results of
29 the City Regular Election held October 2, 2018, as presented in the Canvass Boards Certificate
30 of Election, attached as Exhibit A, in accordance with the Homer City Code.

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following candidate is declared elected to the
33 office of Mayor, having received at least 40% of the votes cast for a two-year term of office:

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35 **MAYOR (TWO YEAR TERM)**

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37 Ken Castner

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following candidates are declared elected to office
40 of City Councilmember, having received at least 40% of the votes cast for a three-year term of
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COUNCILMEMBERS (TWO THREE-YEAR TERMS)

Donna Robertson Aderhold
Heath Smith

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Canvass Board’s Certificate of Election (Exhibit A) be attached permanently as part of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska, this 8th day of October, 2018.

CITY OF HOMER

DONNA ADERHOLD, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

ATTEST:

MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: N/A

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

City of Homer Regular Election October 2, 2018

We, the Election Canvass Board, duly appointed, of the City of Homer, Alaska hereby certify that the validated absentee and validated questioned ballots were opened, counted, and recorded at a legally authorized and convened meeting of the City of Homer Canvass Board, held October 5, 2018 and that the results of that count are hereon entered with the certified results of the votes counted for the precinct polling places via Accu-Vote Ballot Tabulation System and that the total results are recorded hereon.

| | 31-350 Homer #1 | 31-360 Homer #2 | Absentee/ Questioned/ Special Needs | Total Regular Votes | % of Votes |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------|--|
| CITY COUNCIL <i>3 Year Term</i> | | | | | |
| Donna Robertson Aderhold | 422 | 328 | 206 | 956 | Total Votes Cast 2519 ÷ 2 seats = 1259.5 x 40% = 503.8 votes |
| Deb Lowney | 301 | 225 | 120 | 646 | 76% |
| Heath Smith | 360 | 278 | 150 | 788 | 51% |
| Write In | 49 | 54 | 26 | 129 | 63% |
| Write In | | | | | 10% |
| Mayor <i>2 Year Term</i> | | | | | |
| | | | | | Total Votes Cast 1580 |
| Kenneth Castner | 371 | 295 | 163 | 829 | 53% |
| David G. Lewis | 334 | 242 | 155 | 731 | 46% |
| Write In | 9 | 10 | 1 | 20 | 1% |
| Registered Voters | 2762 | 2210 | | | |

We further certify that there were 1286 Regular voters and 299 Absentee voters, 13 Special Needs Voters, and 19 Questioned voters for a total of 1617 voters that voted in this election. Percentage of voter turnout is 33%. Total registered voters for the City of Homer are 4972 as of September 2, 2018.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of October, 2018.

Canvass Board: Maryann Lyda Alice Krivitsky
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Staff: Renee Krause Melissa Jacobsen
 Renee Krause, CMC, Deputy City Clerk I Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk