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Memorandum

Agenda Changes/Supplemental Packet

TO: MAYOR WYTHER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2016

SUBJECT: AGENDA CHANGES AND SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

CONSENT AGENDA

Ordinance 16-54, An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Appropriating Funds for the Calendar Year 2017 for the General Fund, the Water Fund, the Sewer Fund, the Port/Harbor Fund, Capital Projects, and Internal Service Funds. City Manager. Recommended dates: Introduction October 24, 2016, Public Hearings November 28, 2016 and December 12, 2016, Second Reading December 12, 2016.

Budget amendments for Council transportation, subsistence, lobbyist, reserves Page 3

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 16-48(S), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending HCC 1.18.030 to Add HCC 1.18.030(q), Which Incorporates HCC 2.04.030, and Its Prohibition Against Council Member Influence and Direction of City Employees and the City Manager, Into the Homer Ethics Code. Smith.

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PENDING BUSINESS

Resolution 16-054, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the City of Homer Fee Schedule to Implement a New Graduated Harbor Moorage Rate Structure. Port and Harbor Director/Port and Harbor Advisory Commission.

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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 16-111, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Giving Direction to the City Manager to Reject/Accept the Proposal to Consolidate 911 Dispatch Services With the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Mayor.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Voice consensus to changes under Agenda Approval.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Department Number: 100 - Mayor/Council and 400- Port and Harbor

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Due to current economic pressures that the State of Alaska is experiencing and the likelihood of not securing much if anything on our current CIP list, I don't believe it will be money well spent. We have wonderful electronic means to keep us abreast of the current happenings in Juneau. I know we are in defense mode but I am confident that with the AML, Paul Seaton, Katie and Mayor having a presence in the Capitol that we will not lose any ground on those issues. The Borough has been well represented without a lobbyist for years. any past successes of our lobbyist do not apply to the present. The State's capital budget has effectively been zeroed out.

Requested By:
Councilmember Smith

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Personal Memo

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Mayor and council members

I would like to comment on several matters before you for your meeting of 10/24/2016

1. Ordinance 16-48 s contains a conflict in wording. I support the incorporation of the provisions of HCC 2.04.030 into the ethics code, however the ethics code needs to contain an additional revision to clarify this addition. 1.18.030(n) at line 158, the wording “contributing to a campaign or candidate of their choice”, would need to be stricken to conform with the intent of 2.04.030. It would be worthwhile to include the prohibition of political activity beyond just “a candidate for a municipal office” as stated in 2.04.030, as City acceptance of Federal funding may in some cases subject City employees to the provisions of the Hatch Act. I support the intent of 2.04.030 in protection of City employees from interference from councilmembers while performing the duties of their job, however it should also follow the employees should not be allowed to align themselves with councilmembers in advancing their particular interest. This should include lobbying for budget items related to their jobs or department. It is the duty of the Council to SET policy. It is the job of staff to EXECUTE that policy, not shape it. In recent history, this distinction has not only been blurred, it has basically been eliminated. Additionally there needs to be a mechanism for accountability for citizens through their elected representatives to respond to abuses of power by City Employees. Unwarrented meddling by Council Members of staff in the performance of their duties should not be tolerated, but this should not act as an impenetrable shield for staff abuse and misconduct.
2. I would urge you to carefully consider the benefits of dispatch consolidation. I believe the potential savings could in the long term be significant. A regional advisory board, or mechanism for local input, would be an option that should be considered.
3. I support the work of the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission.

Best Regards

Kevin Hogan

From: greta mahowald
To: [Department Clerk](#)
Subject: Consolidated Dispatch Services
Date: Sunday, October 23, 2016 9:22:38 PM

Council Members,

I am writing to express concern about consolidating Homer's dispatch with the Kenai Peninsula Borough, based in Soldotna. After reviewing the Dispatch Center Consolidation Overview for Council Work Session, attached memorandums, ProCom assessment, and reading the Homer News article about the city budget, I feel that consolidation, at least at this time, is unwise. The city manager's memorandum states that consolidation would not constitute real cost savings. In addition to the city manager, both Chief Robl and Chief Painter raised important safety issues associated with consolidation. Neither council members nor the general public can fully immerse themselves in the details of this issue, so I believe we must listen to our knowledgeable, trusted public safety officers who do understand the intricacies of the dispatch issue. I see this as a safety issue for all Homer area residents and ask that consolidation NOT be approved.

Respectfully,

Greta Mahowald
City Resident