

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD  
491 E. PIONEER AVENUE  
HOMER, ALASKA

MARCH 7, 2017  
TUESDAY, 4:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL COWLES COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**NOTICE OF MEETING  
WORKSESSION AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Agenda Approval** (Only those matters on the noticed agenda may be discussed)
- 3. Book drive - update on Amazon list and bookstore discussions**
- 4. Presentation to City Council**
- 5. Regular Meeting Agenda items**
- 6. Audience Comments**
- 7. Adjournment**

Next Regular Meeting is Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.



**NOTICE OF MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA** (3 minute time limit)

**4. RECONSIDERATION**

**5. VISITORS**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**7. REPORTS** (5 minute each)

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B. Friends of the Library Report

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**9. PENDING BUSINESS**

- A. Book Drive- Update on Amazon Wish List and Bookstore discussions  
B. Presentation to Council Update

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. EBSCO Solar Library Grant **Page 15**  
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**11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. 2017 Board member attendance at City Council meetings **Page 19**  
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**12. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**(3 minute time limit)

**13. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD**

**14. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Ave, Homer, Alaska.



Session 17-01 A Regular Meeting of the Library Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Jacque Peterson at 5:43 p.m. on February 7, 2017 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBER PETERSON, KUSZMAUL, MASSION, FALLON, SPRINGER

ABSENT: BOARD MEMBER MONTGOMERY

STAFF: LIBRARY DIRECTOR DIXON  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK KRAUSE

The Board met in a worksession from 4:30 p.m. until 5:33 p.m. The Board met with John Chrastka with EveryLibrary via Skype. City Manager Koester attended and participated in the Conference Call/Skype Worksession on developing alternative revenue streams for the Homer Library. Also in attendance was Susanna Haines and Andy Haas, members, President and Past President respectively of the Friends of the Homer Library.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chair Peterson requested a motion to approve the agenda.

KUSZMAUL/FALLON – SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

#### **RECONSIDERATION**

#### **VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS**

Chair Peterson allowed the members of the Friends to speak on the worksession discussion with no objection voiced by the remaining members of the Board present.

Andy Haas, city resident, past President and member of the Friends of the Homer Library and Susanna Haines, city resident and President of the Friends commented on the worksession discussion being very informative and interesting. Mr. Haas opined that he did not think that it would be beneficial and wise use of funds to hire an outside business to conduct polling, he referenced what the City Manager had accomplished with the polling used for the budget in

the past. He wasn't sure that the presentation provided many options. He additionally felt that polling the public about taxes would not provide the best response.

A discussion ensued on the suggestions and recommendations made by Mr. Chrastka and how they could be approached in developing additional revenues streams for the library. It was pointed out that they know that there is great support for the Library but they need to know if there is anyone out there that would be willing to financially support the library. The facts that were presented by Mr. Chrastka were that 35%-40% of the voters would vote in favor of paying a tax automatically, 25%-35% of the voters would be agreeable after questions and information were exchanged, and then the remaining 30%-35% would not vote in favor due to the fact that they don't agree with paying taxes period.

Further comments on the value of submitting questions to residents on various aspects of support, use or willing to tax themselves to provide support for the Library; the education needed on all fronts; input from the Libraries in the other communities affected on whether they would support establishing a Service Area; and whether those voters would support funding a central Library ensued.

Ms. Haines believed that the library is a city function and as such the city should be funding it that said she questioned the inherent success of instituting fee for service and that it would be more difficult to obtain and more complicated than to talk or work in collaboration with the city but the idea of a new tax, such as having a bed tax should be an area of discussion that includes the owners of those businesses.

Mr. Haas noted that a tax may be the only answer but felt that they needed to identify the possible courses and feasibility. The tax will probably be the last political option and also noted that the Borough may not be supportive of this.

Clarification was made by the Board that the recommendation to Council will have to include the feasibility of all these options including user fees or fees in general; that there has to be a long term sustainable revenue option and the amount of fees that could be charged or collected would be minimal at best. No amount had been designated by Council that needed to be raised. Further clarification on the directive from Council to find ways that non-residents can assist in supporting the library since they do not pay through property taxes and only sales taxes but since the sales of food is non-taxable that represented a serious loss in revenue to the city in the amount of close to a million dollars which in essence would fund the Library.

Ensuing discussion on the reason that they are looking at funding options for the Library, new members on Council and the concern regarding costs, designating a dollar amount that is required to meet a budget deficit; the directive is general in nature and creating more issues that cannot be resolved; providing the revenue potentials that each recommendation would bring in such as user fees or a service area in their response to Council; city services provided to non-residents that do not adequately recompense ; what funding the Friends have provided and the potential conflict that additional Fundraisers conducted by the Board may have;

educating the current Council on the purpose of the Friends, that residents outside the city contribute through the Friends which provides for the programs that are available through the Library besides additional specialty items such as equipment. It would be good to meet informally to discuss this further.

Boardmember Kuszmaul pointed out the undercurrents of the discussion:

- they did not want the Library to be perceived as a charitable organization that is supported by/through donations
- That it is incumbent on the Library Advisory Board to ensure that the Library is funded by public funds as a public Library providing a public service.
- Maintaining that distinction is important since it could be eroded. The need to dispel the perception that the Library could be operated by volunteers or only people who pay for it can use
- You never know when you will need the services provided by the Library.

Ms. Haines provided the information that the Friends could provide, without disclosing personal information, an amount that is donated by people who live outside city limits. She added that it should also never be considered a subsidy for the library and reiterated that it is not the responsibility of the Friends to take on a financial supporting role for the Library. She felt that it would be an area for review to provide that information on the amount provided by non-residents already.

It was agreed that information for the newer council members would be helpful. Ms. Haines asked for the request for the information to be in writing to present to the Friends Board.

Boardmember Fallon cautioned the Board that they should consider exactly what they want from the Friends and possibly consider just including a statement that as with most Public Libraries they have a very active Friends of the Library and it is strongly endorsed by the community. It would also be fair to say that they have a substantial donations from members of the community that live outside city limits.

Ms. Haines suggested going to the residents and non-residents for suggestions before enacting fees or taxes. She cited the volunteer work that is provided by non-residents. That they should also include the reason why they are being asked.

Boardmember Kuszmaul has approached some of her neighbors and they feel that they are already paying enough through the higher sales tax they pay. She on the other hand was appalled that none of her property taxes did not support the library.

Ms. Haines stated that she was a member of the Library Advisory Board and they have had this discussion off and on for 27 years now. She remembers speaking about it when her daughter was 2 yrs old and she is 29 now.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **A. Minutes for the December 6, 2016 Regular Meeting**

MASSION/FALLON - MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2016 REGUAR MEETING.

Boardmember Kuszmaul noted an incomplete sentence on page 6 (page 2 of the minutes), under Reports, Friends. It appeared that it was cut off. Deputy City Clerk will research that and correct the minutes accordingly.

Chair Peterson inquired if there were any additional changes to the minutes, noting none were offered she inquired if there were any objections to approving the minutes as amended.

VOTE: YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

### **A. Library Director's Report**

#### **1. Statistics for 2016 and January 2017 (Laydown)**

Library Director Dixon had provided the statistics. The Big Read is going and very successful, great events, close to the wrap up. She pointed out that circulation was up 15% over the previous year. January circulation was just 100 short of the record in August of 2016. The Library is being used.

### **B. Friends of the Library –January Meeting**

Chair Peterson provided information on the Friends willingness to be a pass through for three specific accounts, one for equipment & technology, one for building loan/maintenance and one for materials/collection development. The Friends response was that they were a volunteer organization but she thought they were receptive to the idea, since then it appears that they are not too receptive to the idea. She understands that they have their own directives, guidelines, etc., however without them she is unaware of what they could do.

Library Director Dixon recommended that Chair Peterson speak directly to the Board of the Friends and ask specifically about it. She has heard reservations expressed by two members. Boardmember Fallon echoed those same sentiments that there is hesitation from those Friends Boardmembers who have served on the LAB and they were worried about a blur of the missions of the two organizations. She believes that it has to be done carefully.

Library Director Dixon mentioned the Alaska Community Foundation website lists several Libraries that have funds through them – Endowment, Friends, and an Association Fund. She is not aware of how they work but it may be somewhere to start for information.



Boardmember Massion volunteered to try to attend the next meeting of the Friends.

Library Director Dixon also informed the Board that they cannot bundle the existing loan on the Library so currently the only option would be talking to a commercial bank. It was suggested that they have a pay off the building loan funding drive.

Board member Massion stated that has been his task since it would be a big savings since it represents \$99,000 per year and \$50,000 of that is interest and they have 17-18 years left. He questioned why they could not request Council to consider paying off the loan of \$1.2 million which he has been informed that the city has the money, it would be a savings of close of at least \$500,000 or more.

It was commented that direction would be a great recommendation and councilmembers could present the large savings opportunity to the residents as another reduction in government spending. It was suggested that they speak with the individual Councilmembers to get their support.

Chair Peterson requested Boardmember Kuszmaul add that suggestion to their spreadsheet. Boardmember Kuszmaul wanted to keep the spreadsheet focused on their directive toward non-residents. Library Director Dixon wanted to have a separate spreadsheet that contained this recommendation and others. Boardmember Massion volunteered to provide a pro and con and revenue implication for Boardmember Kuszmaul.

Chair Peterson inquired if the Board still wanted to meet in a worksession on February 15, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. The Board agreed by consensus that it would be good to talk over the information from tonight in detail. The meeting will be upstairs.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

## **PENDING BUSINESS**

### **A. Developing Revenue Streams for the Homer Library**

#### **1. Amazon Wishlist**

The Board members discussed this item and confirmed that staff was agreeable to do the work needed to accomplish. The following points made were:

- Recommendation to use the local bookstore
- Boardmember Fallon will double check participation with the Homer Bookstore on offering a similar program as the Amazon Wishlist and participation in separate events such as a Book Tree
- Financial Support from the Friends for Marketing such events

#### **2. Financial Pass Through – Friends? Foundation?**

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

#### **3. Marketing**

Chair Peterson wanted to hold discussion on this item until the Worksession next week.

#### **4. Other Ideas or Options**

- a. Indoor Putt-Putt Golf
- b. Fundraising Tips

Deputy City Clerk Krause provided these items as suggestions. Chair Peterson appreciated the ideas and stated that there were many ideas that could be done such as Murder in the Library Event that could bring in \$2000 or so to offset the book budget.

Boardmember Kuszmaul suggested as outlined in the Fundraising Tips establishing an amount as a goal and whether they want to hold several smaller events raising a few thousand dollars each time or a couple of fundraising events that could bring in larger amounts.

Further discussion on establishing an amount would not be the best idea, creating or establishing an endowment or legacy fund, the Board's job is to deal with the policies and process where the Friend's goal is to raise funds to pay for the programming and advocacy, and; using the existing fund for donations and the requirements to have Council approval to accept and use those funds.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Presentation for Worksession with Council on Funding
  - a. Scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2017 Worksession at 4:30 p.m.
  - b. Status update on presentation materials and content

There was no update, discussion or action on this item by the Board.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. 2016/2017 Board member Attendance at City Council Meetings

Boardmember Fallon offered to attend a meeting February since she was unable to attend a meeting in January.

- B. Resolution 16-124, Establishing the 2017 Regular Meeting Schedule of City Council and Advisory Bodies.

### **COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

### **COMMENTS OF THE BOARD**

Boardmember Kuszmaul inquired if they should be considering overhead in the budget discussions. Library Director Dixon felt that they were not asked that so that they should not worry about it at this time.

Boardmember Massion commented it was a good discussion tonight.

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF**

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. A WORKSESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017 AT 4:30 P.M.** IN THE UPSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR **TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.** at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

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RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Approved:\_\_\_\_\_



**Homer Public Library  
Director's Report  
February 28, 2017**

HPL's third Big Read ended with a bang - performances of "Our Town" at the high school, book discussions, storytelling at the Pratt, and two fascinating talks by Pulitzer-prize winning book reviewer Michael Dirda. A huge thank-you to everyone who helped make the Big Read happen: the Friends of Homer Public Library; their coordinator Mercedes Harness; National Endowment for the Arts; Homer Foundation; and our wonderful community partners at Kachemak Bay College, Bunnell Street Arts Center, Pier One Theatre, Homer Council on the Arts, KBBI, and the Pratt Museum.

**Meetings in February**

- City Council - 1
- Library Advisory Board work session -- 2
- Library Advisory Board -- 1
- Friends of Homer Library (FHL) -- 2
- Department heads -- 1
- Staff meeting - 1
- Solar grant work session with Jenny Carroll and Kyra Wagner - 1
- Wells Fargo, City Manager -- 1

**Issues of Interest**

- The LAB held another work session to discuss options for diversifying library revenue, as requested by City Council.
- "Alternative facts" and "fake news" are much discussed these days. Finding and evaluating information is a core mission of libraries and librarians. Check out our website for the infographic "How to Spot Fake News" and several resources for checking the facts behind the hype.
- We are thrilled to announce that in April the Library will begin a year-long subscription to Lynda.com, an online service with hundreds of free courses on a wide variety of subjects. Thanks again to the Friends of HPL for purchasing this subscription!
- HPL is now live on Instagram, expanding our social media presence on Facebook and Twitter.
- We have two new Friends-sponsored groups meeting regularly at the Library: Writer's Refuge, a writing critique group; and Homer Storytellers.
- "Pushing the Limits" is a series of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) book discussions that connect science themes with good fiction. See the website or Friends newsletter for more info - first meeting in April.

**Behind the Scenes**

**Director**

- Nick Poolos and I submitted the Library's annual e-rate request for bids on services for wireless and broadband.

- The Rasmuson grant for library materials ended January 31. I wrote and submitted a final report, as required by the grant.
- I worked with the LAB on revenue issues and Jenny Carroll on a potential grant application for solar power in libraries.

### **Staff**

- Holly Brennan worked with the IT department to update a server and set up the software for this summer's reading program.
- Claudia Haines is excited to receive her first box of picture books to evaluate as a member of the American Library Association's Caldecott Award Committee.

### **Facility**

- The handicapped door buttons are all working. Yay!
- The maintenance guys have been working on the fire suppression system and the air handling.

### **Special Events in February**

- Lunch with a Councilmember
- Big Read events - numerous!
- Social Security Administration OWL conference on Medicare.

### **Upcoming in March**

- Celebration of Lifelong Learning nominations due - Mon., March 6
- Lunch with a Councilmember - Donna Aderhold, Mon. March 13, Noon-1
- McKibben Jackinsky reads and discusses her book *Too Close to Home* - Thurs. March 23, 6 PM

### **Ongoing**

Preschool Storytime -Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 AM

Small Fry Storytime -Thursdays, 11:30 AM

Ham Radio Class - First Tuesday, 5:00 PM, second Saturday, noon

Knitting - Mondays, 1:30-4:30 PM

Maker Club -Thursdays, 3:30-5 PM, ages 10-14 (except cancelled March 30)

Book Club - Fourth Tuesday, 4:30-6:30

LARP - Live-Action Role-Playing, ages 10-18. Fridays 3:00-5:45 PM

Walk-in Tech Help - First and third Saturdays, 10 AM-noon

Writer's Refuge - Third Tuesdays, 6-8 PM

Homer Storytellers - Third Saturdays, 3-5 PM



## City of Homer

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## Memorandum

TO: Library Advisory Board  
FROM: Jenny Carroll, Special Projects & Communications Coordinator  
DATE: March 3, 2017  
SUBJECT: EBSCO Solar Grant

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### EBSCO Solar Grant Program

EBSCO Solar is a grant program that funds solar installations at libraries around the world. Nearly 80 libraries applied for last year's grant, the first ever offered by EBSCO. Austin Community College District's Highland Learning Center (HLC) Campus Library in Austin, Texas won.

EBSCO's 2017 program is making two \$100,000 awards available. EBSCO, a privately-owned library services company is committed to solar (and alternative energies in general) having installed more than 500 solar panels on their Ipswich, MA campus to significantly reduce the amount of "brown power" the company buys and generating clean energy to reduce their environmental footprint. Through their grants, they want to make a critical impact on improving the environment and help libraries make the same transition to green power. Submissions are due April 28, 2017. I am working with Ann Dixon to research what solar can do to offset the library's utility costs and help develop components of the grant if it seems feasible. Here is some background on the program:

What makes a competitive application?

1. A library that has already started to investigate solar as an option and and/one that could support a solar array large enough to offset its electricity costs. *We are working with Kyra Wagner and reaching out to other alternative energy consultants to ascertain what kind of array would produce enough kWh to offset the library's electrical costs and if \$100,000 is enough to cover it. Possible use of Homer's Revolving Energy Fund to supplement?*
2. An institution with an existing sustainability program. *The City has a Climate Action Plan and has taken steps to reduce energy use in many City buildings/operations including the Library. The Library actively collects resources on local sustainability issues and interests.*
3. A plan to involve its patrons or students in the project or high community involvement. *Library staff (and*

*any partners) will plan a robust community outreach program to present as a central part of the grant application.*

#### EBSCO's Solar Grant FAQs:

**Q. Who will be reviewing the submissions?**

**A.**EBSCO has worked with a number of solar companies and engineering groups during our own solar upgrades. We will leverage their expertise in solar installation and procurement procedures to assess which libraries have the best plans and which can support a solar array that will make the most impact on their environmental footprint and their utility costs.

**Q. Can you provide more detail on QUESTION THREE — EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS?**

**A.**Part of the goal of the grant is to introduce people to solar power and the value of alternative energies. A public library or school might incorporate the installation into a community outreach program or create book displays and reading lists about solar power. A college or university might engage its Environmental Studies or Engineering faculty and students in the project or create ways to engage the student body.

**Q. How will the grant money be administered?**

**A.**EBSCO will provide the winning institutions with a check for the full amount of the grant. A grant agreement form will be agreed upon between the winning library and EBSCO and a timetable for the project will be shared.

**Q. What is the judging or decision makers' criteria for selection?**

**A.**There are a number of criteria that will be used to assess the viability of each submission. For instance, a site with a large roof surface and a roof that is new enough to last 20 years would make an excellent candidate. A library that has already started to investigate solar as an option or one that could support a solar array large enough to offset its electricity costs would be viewed favorably. An institution with an existing sustainability program, a plan to involve its patrons or students in the project or high community involvement would also receive consideration.

**Q. Are there any restrictions on which libraries can apply for the award?**

**A.**No, there are no restrictions. All academic, school and public libraries that are current EBSCO customers are eligible to apply for the 2017 EBSCO Solar grant program.

**Q. Who will ultimately own the system?**

**A.**EBSCO will pay for the initial installation through the grant. The library, town, or college will own the system and will be responsible for all post-installation/ongoing maintenance of the solar array.



*Maintenance costs need to be considered for any proposed capital improvement. We believe that maintenance associated with solar panels on fixed-mounts are minimal; tracking-mounted systems may require some more maintenance over time. Over the life of the system, costs should be minimal. Addition of a new system like this to one of the City's buildings, incrementally increases maintenance workload, which eventually may trigger the need to hire additional maintenance personnel.*



**2017 HOMER CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE**

It is the goal of the Board to have a member speak quarterly to the City Council at council meetings. There is a special place on the council's agenda specifically for this. After Council approves the consent agenda and any scheduled visitors it is then time for staff reports, commission reports and borough reports. That is when you would stand and be recognized by the Mayor to approach and give a brief report on what the Board is currently addressing, projects, events, etc. **A Board member is scheduled to speak and has a choice at which council meeting they will attend. It is only required to attend one meeting during the month that you are assigned.** However, if your schedule permits please feel free to attend both meetings. Remember you cannot be heard if you do not speak.

January 9, 23 2017	<b><u>No LAB Meeting</u></b>	
February 13, 27 2017		
March 13, 28 2017		
April 10, 24 2017		
May 8, 22 2017		
June 12, 26 2017	<b><u>No LAB Meeting</u></b>	
July 24 2017	<b><u>No LAB Meeting</u></b>	
August 14, 28 2017		
September 12, 26 2017	<b><u>No LAB Meeting</u></b>	
October 9, 23 2017		
November 27, 2017		
December 11, 2017		

Please review and if you will be unable to make the meeting you are tentatively scheduled for please discuss.  
PLEASE NOTE: When additional commissioners are appointed the proposed schedule above will reflect those added commissioners.



## City Council

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER  
ALASKA APPROVING AND SUBMITTING A LOAN AND  
LONG TERM DEBT AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
FINANCING AND CONSTRUCTING THE NEW HOMER  
PUBLIC LIBRARY TO THE VOTERS FOR VOTER  
APPROVAL AT THE OCTOBER 5, 2004 MUNICIPAL  
ELECTION.

Section 1. That the Homer City Council finds that at the present time it is in the best interest of the City to incur long-term debt in order to complete the financing package for the new library.

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Ordinance 04-30(A)  
City of Homer

Section 2. The City Clerk shall submit the following question to the voters at the next regular election to be held on October 5, 2004. The ballot proposition shall read as follows:

**PROPOSITION 1**

**Shall the City of Homer borrow funds, which shall be a general obligation of the City, in an amount not to exceed \$2,200,000.00 (\$2.2 Million) for the purpose of constructing and equipping the new Homer Public Library? ~~once a funding mechanism for the repayment has been defined by the City Council??~~**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Section 3. The City Manager and City Clerk are authorized to provide an explanation to the voters regarding issues such as the terms of the loan and how the loan would be repaid.

Section 4. This ordinance is not of a permanent nature and as such, shall not be codified.

PASSED AND ENACTED by the Homer City Council this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 2004.

CITY OF HOMER

*Jack Cushing*  
JACK CUSHING, MAYOR

ATTEST

*Mary L. Calhoun*  
MARY L. CALHOUN, CMC, CITY CLERK

Introduction: 06/14/04

Public Hearing: 06/28/04 and 07/26/04

Second Reading: 07/26/04 Reconsideration issued 07/27/04 Reconsidered on 08/09/04

Effective Date: 08/10/04

Ayes: 5

Nayes: 1

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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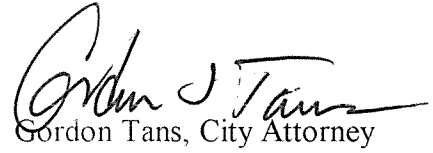
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Walt Wrede, City Manager

Date: 8/10/04

Fiscal Note: Amortization Schedule Attached

  
Gordon Tans, City Attorney

Date: 12 Aug 04

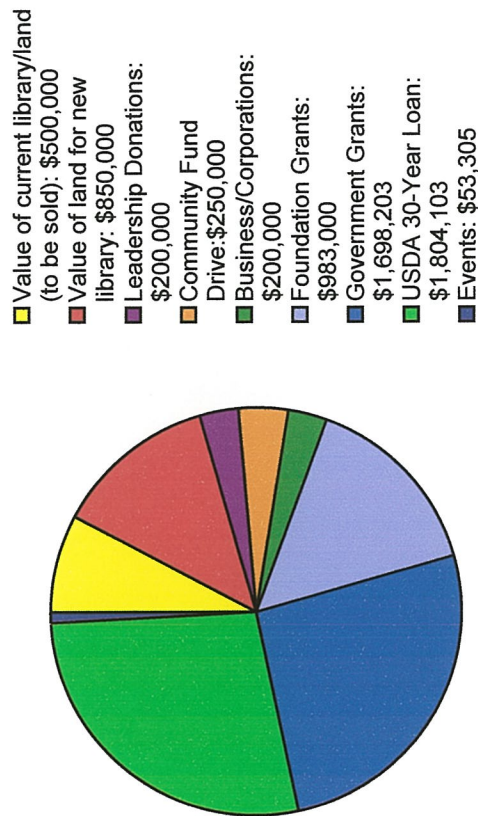
# HOMER NEW LIBRARY PROJECT

## NEW LIBRARY PROJECT FUNDRAISING

Value of current library/land (to be sold):	goals	progress	6/3/2004	See page 2 for detail.
Value of land for new library: \$850,000	500,000	500,000		
Leadership Donations: \$200,000	850,000	850,000		
Community Fund Drive: \$250,000	200,000	179,576		
Business/Corporations:	250,000	207,485		
Foundation Grants:	200,000	53,397		
Government Grants:	983,000	131,000	not including \$400,000 NEH challenge grant	
USDA 30-Year Loan:	1,698,203	417,411		
Events: \$53,305	1,804,103			
	53,305	51,313	(does not include all bowling \$)	
	6,538,611	2,390,182	Campaign operating expenses add another \$120,506)	

## NEW HOMER PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET

Building	\$3,885,000
Site Improvements	\$300,000
Furnishings	\$250,000
1% for Art	\$40,000
Design	\$485,361
LEED Certification	\$83,300
Construction Management	\$315,000
Contingency	\$329,950
Land value	\$850,000
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	\$6,538,611





<u>Government grants:</u>	
Homer & K-City Capital Project Matching Grants*	<p><u>Detail:</u> Kachemak City 1997 - \$23,000 grant and \$1,210 match, Kachemak City 2000 - \$23,000 grant and \$1,316 match. City of Homer consolidated 1998/2003 (repealed and reissued) - \$205,252 grant and \$63,633 match.</p> <p>317,411</p>
NEH	400,000 Application sent Nov. 03. <b>Successful!</b> Will add to progress column as money comes in.
USDA Community Facilities	980,792 Application sent March 04. Is now reduced to \$880,792 due to \$100,000 planning grant
	<u>1,698,203</u>
USDA Planning	100,000 Submitted by Kenai office March 04. Not yet part of "pie." <b>Successful!</b>
<u>Private foundations:</u>	
Homer Foundation	50,000 Grant received Feb. 03.
Kresge Planning	81,120 Application sent March 04. Pie assumes \$50,000. <b>Received \$75,000!</b>
Rasmuson	800,000 Tentative amount. Pie assumes \$750,000.
Paul Allen	150,000 Tentative amount. Pie assumes \$125,000
smaller foundations	8,000 Guestimate. Includes \$6,000 (goal) from Skaggs Foundation. <b>Successful!</b>
	<u>1,089,120</u> Projected requests. Pie assumes \$983,000 granted.
<u>USDA Comm. Facilities Loan:</u>	1,804,103 Application sent March 04. Amount can be increased. Replaces bond. Will hear from USDA in August about both grant and loan applications.
<u>Local fundraising as of 6/03/04</u>	
Individual and bus. donations	287,483
donations prior to May 02	145,746
Events	51,313
Homer Foundation	50,000
Homer and K-City cash match	66,159
	<u>600,701</u>
<u>Campaign expenses</u>	
City staff-est. thru 12/04	57,045
operating budget - FHL	63,461
	<u>120,506</u>

Note: Some of these include figures also noted above; e.g., Homer Foundation and local gov't matches.

Interest Vision  
Amortization Schedule

Loan or Annuity Variables:

Start Date:	Jun 3, 2004	End Date:	Jun 3, 2034
Start Payment:	Jun 3, 2004	No. of Payments:	30
Start Interest:	Jun 3, 2004	Interest Rate:	4.375%
Payment Freq.:	Annual	Initial Principal:	\$2200000.00
Compound Freq.:	Annually	Payment Amount:	\$133081.93
Days in Mo./Yr.:	Actual No.	Balloon:	\$0.00
Payment Mode:	In Arrears	Amortization Method:	Simple Int.

No.	Date	Payment Amount	Interest Amount	Interest Rate/Yr.	Principal	Balance
	Jun 3, 2004	0.00	0.00	0.000	0.00	2200000.00
1	Jun 3, 2005	133081.93	96250.00	4.375	36831.93	2163168.07
2	Jun 3, 2006	133081.93	94638.60	4.375	38443.32	2124724.75
3	Jun 3, 2007	133081.93	92956.71	4.375	40125.22	2084599.54
4	Jun 3, 2008	133081.93	91201.23	4.375	41880.70	2042718.84
5	Jun 3, 2009	133081.93	89368.95	4.375	43712.98	1999005.86
6	Jun 3, 2010	133081.93	87456.51	4.375	45625.42	1953380.45
7	Jun 3, 2011	133081.93	85460.39	4.375	47621.53	1905758.91
8	Jun 3, 2012	133081.93	83376.95	4.375	49704.97	1856053.94
9	Jun 3, 2013	133081.93	81202.36	4.375	51879.57	1804174.38
10	Jun 3, 2014	133081.93	78932.63	4.375	54149.30	1750025.08
11	Jun 3, 2015	133081.93	76563.60	4.375	56518.33	1693506.75
12	Jun 3, 2016	133081.93	74090.92	4.375	58991.00	1634515.75
13	Jun 3, 2017	133081.93	71510.06	4.375	61571.86	1572943.89
14	Jun 3, 2018	133081.93	68816.30	4.375	64265.63	1508678.26
15	Jun 3, 2019	133081.93	66004.67	4.375	67077.25	1441601.00
16	Jun 3, 2020	133081.93	63070.04	4.375	70011.88	1371589.12
17	Jun 3, 2021	133081.93	60007.02	4.375	73074.90	1298514.22
18	Jun 3, 2022	133081.93	56810.00	4.375	76271.93	1222242.29
19	Jun 3, 2023	133081.93	53473.10	4.375	79608.82	1142633.47
20	Jun 3, 2024	133081.93	49990.21	4.375	83091.71	1059541.76
21	Jun 3, 2025	133081.93	46354.95	4.375	86726.97	972814.79
22	Jun 3, 2026	133081.93	42560.65	4.375	90521.28	882293.51
23	Jun 3, 2027	133081.93	38600.34	4.375	94481.58	787811.92
24	Jun 3, 2028	133081.93	34466.77	4.375	98615.15	689196.77
25	Jun 3, 2029	133081.93	30152.36	4.375	102929.57	586267.20
26	Jun 3, 2030	133081.93	25649.19	4.375	107432.74	478834.47
27	Jun 3, 2031	133081.93	20949.01	4.375	112132.92	366701.55
28	Jun 3, 2032	133081.93	16043.19	4.375	117038.73	249662.82
29	Jun 3, 2033	133081.93	10922.75	4.375	122159.18	127503.64
30	Jun 3, 2034	133081.93	5578.28	4.375	127503.64	0.00
TOTAL:		3992457.76	1792457.76		2200000.00	

## Informational Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council  
From: Rick Ladd, Councilman  
RE: Annual Operation and Maintenance Expenses for New Library  
Date: June 22, 2004

The 2002 Homer Citizen Survey asked the following question:

“Should the city fund capital projects such as the library through voter approved bond issues?”

Response:           62%   Strongly/ Somewhat Agree  
                  21%   Neither Agree or Disagree  
                  11%   Somewhat/ Strongly Disagree  
                  6%   Don't Know

Citizens also provide information that if the voters approve, the City should implement a seasonal sales tax of ½% to pay for capital projects, such as the library.

Response:           49%   Strongly/ Somewhat Agree  
                  15%   Neither Agree or Disagree  
                  32%   Somewhat/ Strongly Disagree  
                  4%   Don't Know

The survey did not contain a question asking voters as to how increased costs associated with operation and maintenance of a capital project should be paid.

It is estimated that increased O and M associated with the proposed new library could be as much as \$250,000 annually. Before asking voters to approve a bond for the new library, the annual O and M costs associated with the new library needs resolve.

Consideration: Possible methods to raise library O and M without sales/ property taxes:

- Consider advantages of a cooperative working relationship with the University, if the University is willing to further discuss sharing of resources and the pooling of collective financial resources to leverage greater economic control over increasing costs: personnel, custodial, computer systems, resource acquisitions, and personnel.
- Consider increased non resident user fees for library use.
- Initiate a bed and breakfast tax.
- Consider and reduce present funding levels to non profits: Pratt, Homer Foundation, Chamber, Community Schools, and the lease arrangement in which the Boys and Girls Club receives use of the HIS facility for virtually no rent. Consider lease agreements utilizing commercial property such as the Pier One Theater Lease.





WHEREAS, The advantages of this option include the following:

- revenues can be increased quickly if the voters approve
- it requires no additional administrative or implementation costs
- it raises the amount of revenue needed to balance the budget
- it provides for a fair and broad based tax increase
- it promotes a fair and equitable distribution of the tax burden for regional services

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Homer Ordains:

Section 1. The City Council finds that at the present time it is in the best interest of the City to raise the City Sales Tax rate of levy by ½ of 1 4-percent from 3.5 to 4.5 percent. and to simultaneously lower the property tax mil rate by .75 .50 mils from 5 mils to 4.25 4.50 mils. *ML*

Section 2. Homer City Code Section 9.16.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9.16.010 Levied. a. A consumer's sales tax in the amount of ~~two~~ **three two and one half** percent is levied by the City on all sales, rents, and services within the City except as the same may be otherwise exempted by law.

b. An additional consumer's sales tax in the amount of three-quarters percent (3/4%) is hereby levied by the City of Homer on all sales, rents, and services within the City except as the same may otherwise be exempted by law, for the purpose of funding debt retirement of the sewer treatment plant improvements, and to the extent revenues from such tax exceed such debt retirement obligations, for the purpose of funding water and sewer systems.

c. An additional consumer's sales tax in the amount of three quarters percent (3/4%) is hereby levied by the City of Homer on all sales, rents, and services within the City except as the same may be otherwise exempted by law, for the purpose of funding street reconstruction improvements and related utilities. . (Ord. 99-14(S), Ord. 91-19 section 1, 1991; Ord. 90-29 sections 1 and 2, 1990; Ord. 87-19 section 1, 1987; Ord. 85-37 section 2, 1985).

Section 3. ~~For property taxes levied and assessed in calendar year 2005, the property tax rate of levy set by the City Council under Homer City Code Section 9.04.040 shall not exceed 4.25~~ 4.50 mils.

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Section 4. The City Clerk shall submit the following question to the voters at the next regular election to be held on October 5, 2004. The ballot proposition shall read as follows:

**PROPOSITION 2**

**Shall the City of Homer Sales Tax rate of levy be increased by  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$  of one percent (from 3.5% to 4.5%)?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**                      **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

~~Section 5. The City Manager and City Clerk are authorized to provide an explanation to the voters regarding the Council's finding that the new revenues generated if this proposition is approved by the voters are needed to provide for construction and operations costs associated with the new Homer Public Library, maintenance and operations costs associated with the new animal shelter and new ice rink, and other priorities identified by the recently adopted Long Range Fiscal Plan.~~

Section 6. If the ballot proposition set forth in this ordinance is approved by the voters, sections 2 and 3 of this ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2005. If the proposition is not approved by the voters, sections 2 and 3 of this ordinance will not take effect.

Section 7. If the ballot proposition set forth in this ordinance is approved by the voters, section 2 of this ordinance shall be of a permanent and general character and shall be included in the City Code. The remaining sections of this ordinance are not of a permanent nature and as such, shall not be codified.

PASSED AND ENACTED by the Homer City Council this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 2004.

CITY OF HOMER

*Jack Cushing*  
JACK CUSHING, MAYOR

ATTEST

*Mary L. Calhoun*  
MARY L. CALHOUN, CMC, CITY CLERK

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140 Ordinance 04-32(A)  
141 City of Homer  
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143 Introduction: June 28, 2004  
144 Public Hearing: July 26 and August 9, 2004  
145 Second Reading: August 9, 2004, Reconsidered same meeting.  
146 Effective Date: August 10, 2004

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148 Ayes: 5  
149 Nays: 1  
150 Abstain: 0  
151 Absent: 0  
152 Reviewed and approved as to form and content:

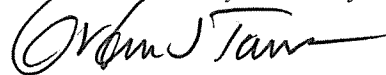
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156 Walt Wrede, City Manager

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159 Date: 8/10/04

Gordon Tans, City Attorney

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161 Date: 12 Aug 2004

161 Fiscal Note: A projected net revenue increase of \$470,000.00 \$645,494.



**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Clerk/Canvass Board

**RESOLUTION 04-88**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA CERTIFYING THE RESULTS OF THE CITY OF HOMER REGULAR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD OCTOBER 5, 2004 TO ELECT A MAYOR, THREE COUNCILMEMBERS AND TO DECIDE TWO PROPOSITIONS.**

WHEREAS, In compliance with the Homer City Code 4.35, the Canvass Board of the City of Homer has opened, counted, and tallied the votes on absentee ballots, including special needs ballots, found to be valid and made determinations on questioned ballots, and has opened, counted, and tallied those questioned ballots found to be valid, cast in the Regular General Municipal Election held on October 5, 2004; and

WHEREAS, The total number of voters voting in the City Election was 1746 and reflects the number of voters not the number of votes cast; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Homer City Code 4.35, the Canvass Board of the City of Homer has opened and inspected the precinct reports, Election Central Logs and entered the results of the absentee and questioned ballots on the Certification of Election along with the results of the precinct counts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska, that the Council hereby accepts and certifies the results of the Regular General Municipal Election for the City of Homer held October 5, 2004, as presented in the Certificate of Election by the Canvass Board, in accordance with the Homer City Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the following candidates are declared elected to the Office of Mayor and Office of Councilmember having received at least 40% of the votes cast those Offices and that two propositions were decided as follows:

**MAYOR**

James C. Hornaday

**COUNCILMEMBER (TWO - 3 YEAR TERM)**

Doug Stark; and  
Mary E. (Beth) Wythe

**COUNCILMEMBER (ONE - 2 YEAR TERM)**

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**PROPOSITION ONE** - Long term loan - library project and equipment

Yes

**PROPOSITION TWO** 1/2 of 1 % Sales Tax increase

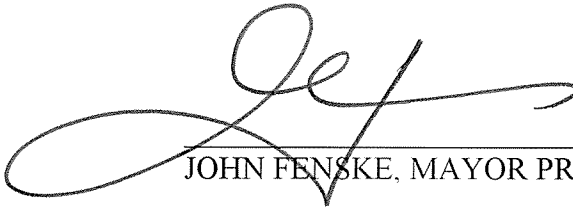
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Canvass Board's Certificate of Election be attached permanently as part of this Resolution.

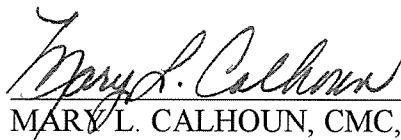
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 11th day of October, 2004.

CITY OF HOMER

ATTEST:



JOHN FENSKE, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE



MARY L. CALHOUN, CMC, CITY CLERK

Election certificate attached.

Fiscal Note: NA.

*Certificate attached*

**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION**  
**City of Homer Regular General Election**  
**October 5, 2004**

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 11, 2004 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.

RACE	35-010 Homer No. 1	35-020 Homer No. 2	ABSENTEE/ QUESTIONED/ SNV	TOTAL VOTERS	PERCENTAGE 40% required	UNDER AGE VOTE Homer No. 1	UNDER AGE VOTE Homer No. 2	Under Age Totals
<b>MAYOR</b>				1674 votes cast				
John Fenske	101	109	53	263	15.71	3	1	4
James C. Hornaday	445	393	187	1025	61.23	24	14	38
Julie Cesarini	30	16	12	58	3.5	2	2	4
Dennis Novak	154	123	43	320	19.12	3	1	4
Write - in	4	3	1	8	.05			
COUNCIL MEMBER - TWO - 3 year term				2575=1207 .5 votes cast				
Doug Stark	348	353	162	863	71.47	17	5	22
Bill Smith	308	230	105	643	53.25	20	10	30
Mary E. (Beth) Wythe	453	420	170	1043	86.38	23	14	37
Write - in	8	12	6	26	2.2			
COUNCIL MEMBER - ONE - 2 year term				1584 votes cast				

Lane Chesley	296	242	113	651	41.10	11	9	20
Val McLay	394	368	161	923	58.27	20	9	29
Write - in	4	5	1	10	.063			
PROP 1 Long Term Loan				1695 votes cast				
Yes	458	410	198	1066	62.89	29	11	40
No	286	243	100	629	37.11	5	6	11
PROP 2 1/2 % Sales tax increase				1689 votes cast				
Yes	305	260	140	705	41.74	6	6	12
No	440	387	157	984	58.26	27	13	40
TOTALS								
	752 35.62%	655 32.96%	302	1709	41.7	33	19	

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We further certify that there were 1407 Regular voters 302 Absentee voters, Special Needs Voters, and Questioned voters for a total of 1709 voters that voted in this election. Percentage of voter turn out is 41.7%. Total registered voters for the City of Homer are 4,098 as of September 5, 2004. (Homer No. 12,111; Homer No. 2 1,987.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of October, 2004.

Canvass Board Pauline Benson Staff Margaret Lau Staff Jo Johnson Deputy City Clerk II

Staff Melissa Jacobson Deputy City Clerk I

ATTEST:  
Mary D. Calhoun  
Mary D. Calhoun, CMC, City Clerk

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

Novak

**ORDINANCE 05-03(A)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA APPROVING A ONE PERCENT INCREASE IN THE CITY SALES TAX~~[, WITH 25 PERCENT DEDICATED TO A COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUND,]~~ AND SUBMITTING A PROPOSITION TO APPROVE SUCH CHANGES TO THE VOTERS FOR VOTER APPROVAL AT A SPECIAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2005 AND PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX RATE IN 2005 OF 4.5 MILS IF THE SALES TAX INCREASE IS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS.

WHEREAS, The Homer City Council recently adopted a Long Range Fiscal Plan, and

WHEREAS, During the planning process, the Council recognized that significant General Fund budget increases will be necessary beginning in FY 05 due to inflation, expanding population and infrastructure, rapidly rising insurance and PERS costs, new depreciation funding requirements, and projected capital construction costs and the associated increases in the costs of maintenance and operations, and

WHEREAS, The City Council wishes to be proactive and plan ahead so that it can adequately provide for a basic level of public services and meet the needs and desires of Homer residents, and

WHEREAS, Appendix D of the adopted Long Range Fiscal Plan identified a potential fiscal gap of \$1,030,303 in FY 05; an estimate that the Council considered to be conservative, based upon sound assumptions, and focused upon essentials, and

WHEREAS, The City's General Fund budget must be balanced and the Council recognized that it must either make significant budget reductions, increase revenues, or some combination of both, and

WHEREAS, The Council concluded during the planning process that although some budget reductions are still possible, the demand for the services the City provides is strong, all Department budgets are already very lean, the City could not make substantial reductions without eliminating entire programs, and that increases in revenues will therefore be necessary, and

WHEREAS, The Long Range Fiscal Plan identified nine short term options for raising revenues that the Council considered to be feasible and prudent, and

WHEREAS, Raising the annual sales tax while simultaneously lowering the mil rate is an option that has been identified by the Council as desirable, and

WHEREAS, The advantages of this option include the following; and

- revenues can be increased for the 2005 budget
- it provides for an impartial and broad based tax
- it requires no additional administrative or implementation costs
- it raises the amount of revenue needed to maintain the current level of service with a balanced budget
- it creates a Community Enhancement Fund providing a future revenue source.
- it allows a property tax reduction promoting an equitable distribution of tax burden for regional services.
- Projected revenue for 2005 \$966,551.25.

WHEREAS, If a one percent sales tax rate increase is approved by the voters, the City Council will make a property tax mill rate reduction of 1 mil, in 2005, ~~and further will appropriate one-quarter of the sales tax increase (equivalent to a .25% rate of levy) to a newly created fund, to be called the Community Enhancement Fund, with the criteria for expenditures from that fund to be developed by the City Council after certification of the election results.]~~

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Homer Ordains:

Section 1. The City Council finds that at the present time it is in the best interest of the City to raise the total City Sales Tax rate of levy by 1 percent from 3.5 to 4.5 percent and to simultaneously lower the property tax mil rate by 1 mil from 5.5 mils to 4.50 mils.

Section 2. Homer City Code Section 9.16.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9.16.010 Levied.

a. A consumer's sales tax in the amount of ~~two~~ **three** percent is levied by the City on all sales, rents, and services within the City except as the same may be otherwise exempted by law.

b. An additional consumer's sales tax in the amount of three-quarters percent (3/4%) is hereby levied by the City of Homer on all sales, rents, and services within the City except as the same may otherwise be exempted by law, for the purpose of funding debt retirement of the sewer treatment plant improvements, and to the extent revenues from such tax exceed such debt retirement obligations, for the purpose of funding water and sewer systems.

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c. An additional consumer's sales tax in the amount of three quarters percent (3/4%) is hereby levied by the City of Homer on all sales, rents, and services within the City except as the same may be otherwise exempted by law, for the purpose of funding street reconstruction improvements and related utilities. . (Ord. 99-14(S), Ord. 91-19 section 1, 1991; Ord. 90-29 sections 1 and 2, 1990; Ord. 87-19 section 1, 1987; Ord. 85-37 section 2, 1985).

Section 3. The Homer City Code is hereby amended by the enactment of a new section 9.16.015 to read as follows:

9.16.015 Dedication. A portion of the sales tax levied and collected pursuant to subsection 9.16.010(a) is dedicated as follows:

a. The proceeds from the levy of one-quarter of one percent (0.25% levy) is dedicated by the voters to the Community Enhancement Fund, generally for the purposes of making grants to local governmental and non-governmental organizations and making direct expenditures to implement, enhance, or supplement the City's overall economic and community development strategies.

Section 4. For property taxes levied and assessed in Calendar Year 2005, the property tax rate of levy set by the City Council under Homer City Code Section 9.04.040 shall not exceed 4.50 mils.

Section 5. The City Clerk shall submit the following question to the voters at a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2005. The ballot proposition shall read as follows:

**Shall the City of Homer Sales Tax rate of levy be increased by 1 (one) percent (from 3.5% to 4.5%)? [~~and further shall one-quarter of that increase be dedicated to a new Community Enhancement Fund for the purposes of making grants to local governmental and non-governmental organizations and making direct expenditures to implement, enhance, or supplement the City's overall economic and community development strategies?~~]**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES                      NO \_\_\_\_\_

Section 6. The City Manager and City Clerk are authorized to provide an explanation to the voters regarding the Council's finding that the new revenues generated if this proposition is approved by the voters are needed to maintain existing services, meet anticipated increases in operational expenses, increase the cash balance in depreciation, provide funding for additional services, provide for bond payments and operations costs associated with the new Homer Public Library, fund maintenance and operations costs associated with the new animal shelter, and other priorities identified by the recently adopted Long Range Fiscal Plan, and further explain the

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purpose of dedication of tax revenue to the Community Enhancement Fund for grants to local organizations.

Section 7. If the ballot proposition set forth in this ordinance is approved by the voters, the City Council shall before July 1, 2005, enact one or more ordinances to establish the Community Enhancement Fund and enact appropriate regulations for the administration of such fund, including procedures for making appropriations from that fund and criteria for determining eligibility and priority for grant recipients.

Section 8. If the ballot proposition set forth in this ordinance is approved by the voters, Sections 2 and 3 of this ordinance shall take effect on April 1, 2005, and Section 4 of this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon certification of the election results. If the proposition is not approved by the votes, Sections 2 through 4 of this ordinance will not take effect. All other sections of this ordinance take effect on the day following enactment.

Section 9. If the ballot proposition set forth in this ordinance is approved by the voters, Sections 2 and 3 of this ordinance shall be of a permanent and general character and shall be included in the City Code. The remaining sections of this ordinance are not of a permanent nature and as such, shall not be codified.

PASSED AND ENACTED by the Homer City Council this 14th day of February, 2005.

CITY OF HOMER

  
JAMES C. HORNADAY, MAYOR

ATTEST

  
MARY L. CALHOUN, CMC, CITY CLERK

Introduction: 01/10/05

Public Hearing: 01/24/05

Second Reading: 02/14/05

Effective Date: If approved by the Voters and Upon Certification of the Election

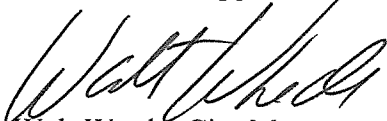
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Ayes: -4-  
Noes: -2-  
Abstain: -0-  
Absent: -0-

Reviewed and approved as to form and content:

  
Walt Wrede, City Manager

  
Gordon Tans, City Attorney

Date: 2/15/05

Date: 15 Feb 05

Fiscal Note: Projected revenue for 2005 \$966,551.25. Sales Tax increase would provide \$1,288,735.00 for a year and a 1 mil decrease for the year equals \$339,738.00 decrease in property tax revenue. The revenue for one year would be \$948,996.34.

Cost of Special Election is approximately \$7,000.00, with 2005 costs may be higher.



CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA

City Clerk/Canvass Board

RESOLUTION 05-40(S)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA CERTIFYING THE  
RESULTS OF THE CITY OF HOMER SPECIAL  
ELECTION HELD MARCH 22, 2005.

WHEREAS, In compliance with the Homer City Code 4.35, the Canvass Board of the City of Homer has opened, counted, and tallied the votes on absentee ballots, including special needs ballots, found to be valid and made determinations on questioned ballots, and has opened, counted, and tallied those questioned ballots found to be valid, cast in the Special Election held on March 22, 2005; and

WHEREAS, The total number of voters voting in the City Election was 800 and reflects the number of voters not the number of votes cast; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Homer City Code 4.35, the Canvass Board of the City of Homer has opened and inspected the precinct reports, Election Central Logs and entered the results of the absentee and questioned ballots on the Certification of Election along with the results of the precinct counts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska, that the Council hereby accepts and certifies the results of the Special Election for the City of Homer held March 22, 2005, as presented in the Certificate of Election by the Canvass Board, in accordance with the Homer City Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council notes the voter answer to the following question:

"Shall the City of Homer Sales Tax rate of levy be increased by 1 (one) percent from 3.5% to 4.5%?"

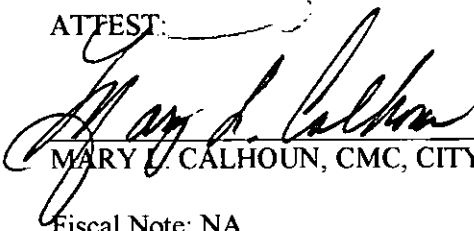
YES 504 NO 293

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Canvass Board's Certificate of Election be attached permanently as part of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005.

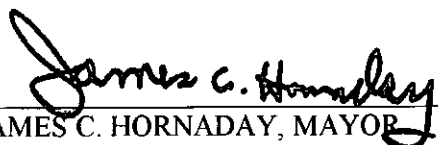


ATTEST:

  
MARY L. CALHOUN, CMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: NA.

CITY OF HOMER

  
JAMES C. HORNADAY, MAYOR

# CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

## City of Homer Special Election

March 22, 2005

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 March 25, 2005 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.

Proposition: Sales Tax Rate of Levy Increase From 3.5% to 4.5%	35- 010  Homer No. 1	35- 020  Homer No. 2	Absentee/  Questioned/  Special Needs  that were Counted	Total Regular Voters	%	TOTAL	Underage Vote  Homer No. 1	Underage Vote  Homer No. 2
YES	230	203	71	504	63%	504	5	5
NO	153	105	35	293	37%	293	7	6
TOTALS	383	308	106	797	100%	797	12	11
Registered Voters	2,108	2,049		4,157		4,157		

We further certify that there were 691 Regular voters and 106 Absentee voters, no Special Needs Voters, and 3 Questioned voters for a total of 800 voters that voted in this election. Percentage of voter turnout is 19%. Total registered voters for the City of Homer are 4,157 as of February 20, 2005.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005.

Canvass Board: Pauline Benson  
Pauline Benson

Margaret Lau  
Margaret Lau

Staff: Jo Johnson  
Jo Johnson, Deputy City Clerk II

Melissa Jacobsen  
Melissa Jacobsen, Deputy City Clerk I

Attest: Mary L. Calhoun  
Mary L. Calhoun, CMC, City Clerk

