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Memorandum 19-072

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: COUNCIL MEMBER ADERHOLD
DATE: JUNE 5, 2019
SUBJECT: ORDINANCE 19-19(S)

Thank you for a productive worksession during our May 28, 2019 meeting to discuss extraterritorial utilities, piped water in particular. During the worksession and our regular meeting we also received valuable input from residents of Homer and Kachemak City, including a letter from the Mayor of Kachemak City regarding interest in piped water to lots that front Homer's water main on East End Road. Ordinance 19-19(S) was prepared in response to city council discussion and public testimony. The intent of the ordinance is to lay out a framework for providing extraterritorial piped water to certain properties that front an existing main while maintaining controls that protect Homer businesses that are subject to property and sales tax rates that differ from those outside the City and that are required to comply with City of Homer zoning restrictions.

I request that following the scheduled public hearing on Ordinance 19-19(S) at our June 10, 2019 regular city council meeting, city council send Ordinance 19-19(S) to the Planning, Economic Development, and Port and Harbor commissions for evaluation. The intent of commission review would be as follows:

- Evaluate the ordinance from a planning perspective to ensure the ordinance is as consistent with planning code and maintains the City's control within the context of extraterritorial utilities (Planning Commission)
- Evaluate how extraterritorial piped water may affect businesses within Homer and how negative impacts to business could be minimized
- Assess the potential for businesses to move outside of Homer to take advantage of lower tax rates and lack of zoning
- Evaluate the risk of a water intensive business, such as fish processing, to locate outside city limits and compete with similar port and harbor related businesses including but not limited to City of Homer leased businesses (Port and Harbor Commission)
- Recommend changes to the language of the ordinance
- Provide any additional recommendations to city council based on review

Input from commissions should be completed by August 21st to be considered at the August 26th Council meeting.

Recommended Motion: Postpone Ordinance 19-19(S) to the August 26, 2019 City Council meeting and refer it to the Port and Harbor, Economic Development, and Planning commissions.

