Memorandum 20-117

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL
THROUGH: RICK ABBOUD, INTERIM CITY MANAGER
FROM: TRAVIS BROWN, PLANNING TECHNICIAN
DATE: AUGUST 5, 2020
SUBJECT: PROPOSED ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

The Homer Planning Commission has acted upon a request to rezone a lot currently found in the Urban Residential District (UR) to Residential Office District (RO).

A petition was received by the Planning Office requesting a zoning change. The Applicant, Jason Weisser, proposes to have 4061 Pennock Street rezoned to RO from the current UR designation. The Applicant has plans to subdivide the property and develop homes with office/commercial space for which the current zoning designation would not allow.

The City Planner has reviewed the proposed amendment and the Planning Commission has held a public hearing on July 15, 2020 regarding this issue. No public testimony was provided.

The rezone represents an expansion of the existing RO District. The proposal supports many goals and objectives of the Homer Comprehensive Plan including those listed in Staff Report 20-43 and objectives that support Goal 1 of the Land Use Chapter, including action item 1-D-3, supporting strategies that include compact mixed-use development, higher density development and infill, which are all supported with this rezone.

The Planning Commission feels that the request to rezone a lot from UR to RO is appropriate and is found to be supported in the Homer Comprehensive Plan. Through a vote of unanimous consent, six commissioners recommend that the City Council adopt the proposed zoning map amendment.

Attachments:
Draft Ordinance
Staff report and corresponding meeting minutes