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Memorandum 21-185

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL
FROM: MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK
DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2021
SUBJECT: AMENDING NOVEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE

Traditionally the Alaska Municipal League (AML) Annual Meeting and Newly Elected Officials Training that was scheduled the second week in November and the City Council has not scheduled a first meeting in November to allow Councilmembers to attend.

This year AML has adjusted their meeting schedule to the third week in November with AML Local Government Conference scheduled November 14 through 17, and affiliate groups including the Alaska Conference of Mayors (ACoM), Alaska Municipal Managers Association (AMMA), Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks (AAMC), and Alaska Government Finance Officers Association (AGFOA) have conference events scheduled November 17th through 20th.

This creates a logistical challenge for elected officials and city staff to fully attend their respective conference events and training sessions as well as draft, circulate, give final review of packet materials, and prepare a council packet timely for a November 22nd Council meeting.

As of the drafting of this memo, the Mayor and two Councilmembers have requested to attend the AML Conference, with the Mayor also attending ACoM. City Manager Dumouchel will attend the AMMA conference, two members of the City Clerk's office are planning to attend the AAMC annual conference, and I anticipate there are members of the Finance Department planning to attend AFGOA.

Recommendation: Amend the November meeting schedule as outlined in Resolution 21-076. If the resolution is approved a follow up motion will be necessary to amend the schedule on the ordinances introduce tonight to change the second readings to November 8, 2021.