

WHEREAS, The few tasks identified for the EDC in the Homer Comprehensive Plan are providing reviews and updates; and

WHEREAS, CEDS reviews and updates should be completed in partnership with the KPEDD, and Comprehensive Plan updates occur on a 5-10 year cycle and are not best suited for the time and expense of a standing City Commission; and

WHEREAS, City Commissions can recommend to City Council and Council can appoint Task Forces to address timely issues of concern to the community, including those related to economic development; and

WHEREAS, Focusing limited City resources is critically important to ensure the efficient and productive response to concerns and answering questions; and

WHEREAS, Maximizing citizen involvement to answer specific questions and provide recommendations through the Task Force model will enhance public engagement and provide for targeted efforts that are most viable for City action.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1. HCC 2.76 is repealed.

Section 2. HCC 2.58.020 is amended as follows:

2.58.020 Creation of City boards and commissions.

The following commissions and boards have been created by City Council and are subject to this chapter unless otherwise provided in this title:

- a. Library Advisory Board;
- b. Parks, Art, Recreation, and Culture Advisory Commission;
- c. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission;
- d. Planning Commission;
- e. ~~Economic Development Advisory Commission.~~

Section 3. ~~City Council shall consider creating Task Forces in accordance with the City Council Operating Manual (per Resolution 19-051) in proactive response to timely issues of concern to the community.~~ **Annually during the first quarter, staff shall circulate the Comprehensive Plan's Economic Vitality Chapter, highlighting the implementation table, amongst Departments, Commissions, Committees, Boards, and other community**

stakeholders with a request to provide City Council with priorities, additional opportunities, needs, concerns, and suggestions for implementation. The City Council shall hold an annual Economic Development Priorities worksession, during which they shall set their top three priorities and develop strategies for working on these EDPs over the year.

Section 4. **Throughout the year,** Recommendations **to City Council** from the Planning Commission, Port & Harbor Advisory Commission and the Park, Arts, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission **City commissions** should include any relevant economic development nexus information for City Council review.

Section 5. The Mayor shall appoint a member of the Homer Business Community to fill the City of Homer seat on the KPEDD Board of Directors who shall report to the City Council on a quarterly basis **at least annually and who shall additionally work with the City Council, Mayor, and the City Manager's office to strategically engage with KPEDD on the regional CEDS update in order to gather and promote inclusion of Homer-specific economic development priorities and needs.**

Section 6. This ordinance is of a permanent and general nature and shall be included in Homer City Code, effective January 1, 2020.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this ___ day of _____, 2019**20**.

CITY OF HOMER

KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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126 Introduction:

127 Public Hearing:

128 Second Reading:

129 Effective Date:

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131 Reviewed and approved as to form:

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134 Katie Koester, City Manager

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136 Date: _____

Michael Gatti, City Attorney

Date: _____