

Session 19-35 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on December 9, 2019 by Mayor Ken Castner at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: ADERHOLD, EVENSEN, HANSEN-CAVASOS, LORD, SMITH, VENUTI

STAFF: CITY MANAGER KOESTER
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN

AGENDA APPROVAL (Addition of items to or removing items from the agenda will be by unanimous consent of the Council. HCC 2.08.040.)

The following changes were made: **Consent Agenda Ordinance 19-55**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Amending Homer City Code 2.08.040, Bylaws for Council Procedures to Establish that Newly Elected Members will be Seated at a Special Meeting Following the Canvass of the Election; and 4.35.404 Certification of Election to Clarify the Time for Certification of a Regular and Special Election. Evensen/Hansen-Cavasos. Ordinance 16-01(A)(S) Amending HCC 2.08.030 Composition of Governing Body – Terms of Office; Excerpt of Minutes from Regular Meetings on January 11, 2016 and January 25, 2016 and Memorandum 16-003 from City Clerk dated January 4, 2016 re: Amendments to Election Procedures as backup **Resolution 19-089**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, in Support of the Exchange of Services Contract between the Homer Port and Harbor and Kachemak Marine Haul Out Services for the Disposal of Nuisance Vessel, *F/V Kupreanof*, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Port Director. Corrected Barter Agreement Contract document with Exhibits A and B **Announcements / Presentations / Reports** I. City Council Travel add item iv. Travel Report from Councilmember Lord re: AML Conference November 2019 **City Manager's Report** City Manager's Letter of Resignation and Memorandum 19-163 from City Manager re: City Manager Search – Next Steps **Resolutions** Resolution 19-088, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Commenting on Regulatory Commission of Alaska Docket No. P-19-017 in the Matter of the Joint Application Filed by BP Pipelines (Alaska), Inc., and Harvest Alaska, LLC, for Approval of the Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 311 and Operating Authority thereunder from BP Pipelines (Alaska) Inc. to Harvest Alaska, LLC. Aderhold. PWSRCAC letter to Regulatory Commission of Alaska as backup.

The agenda as amended approved by consensus of the Council.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Larry Slone, city resident, expressed his appreciation for the thorough travel reports provided in the Council on the AML Conference, he was impressed by the extent and quality of the reports. He segued into comments about city employees, their job descriptions, and how the descriptions don't give much room for putting out extra effort.

RECONSIDERATION

CONSENT AGENDA (Items listed below will be enacted by one motion. If a separate discussion is desired on an item, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda at the request of a Councilmember.)

- a. Homer City Council unapproved Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2019. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- b. Memorandum 19-157 from City Clerk re: Liquor License Renewals for Finn's and AJ's Oldtown Steakhouse & Tavern. Recommend approval.
- c. Memorandum 19-158 from Deputy City Clerk re: Vacation of a 40 foot wide section of an unnamed Public Access Easement in Homer described as the westerly 280.6 feet of the north 20 feet of Lot 14, H.K. Davis Subdivision Amended (HM 61-49) and the westerly 280.6 feet of the south 20 feet of Lot 1-L, H.K. Davis No. 5 (HM 86-21). The Public Access Easement being vacated is developed and located within the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 11, Township 6, Range 13 W, Seward Meridian, Alaska, within the Kenai Peninsula Borough, KPB File 2019-128V. Recommend approval.
- d. Memorandum 19-159 from Deputy City Clerk re: Vacation of a 33 foot Section Line Easement located on the south lot lines of Lot 18-A Oscar Munson No. 23 (Plat HM 2006-66) and the south 400 feet of the east 400 feet of Government Lot 1, Section 20, Township 6 South, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, within the Kenai Peninsula Borough, KPB File 2019-025v. Recommend approval.
- e. Ordinance 19-55, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Amending Homer City Code 2.08.040, Bylaws for Council Procedures to Establish that Newly Elected Members will be Seated at a Special Meeting Following the Canvass of the Election; and 4.35.404 Certification of Election to Clarify the Time for Certification of a Regular and Special Election. Evensen/Hansen-Cavasos. Introduction November 25, 2019 Postponed. Introduction December 9, 2019. Public Hearing and Second Reading January 13, 2020.
- f. Ordinance 19-59, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving the Sale of the Homer Public Library Lot Located at 3713 Main Street and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents to Dispose of the Lot. Venuti.

Recommended dates Introduction December 9, 2019. Public Hearing and Second Reading January 13, 2020.

- g. Resolution 19-086, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Establishing the 2020 Regular Meeting Schedule for the City Council, Economic Development Advisory Commission, Library Advisory Board, Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission, Planning Commission and Port & Harbor Advisory Commission. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 19-162 from City Clerk as backup

- h. Resolution 19-087, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Acknowledging the November 2019 Surplus Vehicle Bid Results. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- i. Resolution 19-089, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, in Support of the Exchange of Services Contract between the Homer Port and Harbor and Kachemak Marine Haul Out Services for the Disposal of Nuisance Vessel, *F/V Kupreanof*, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Port Director. Recommend adoption.
- j. Resolution 19-090, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the City to Apply for a Federal Economic Development Administration Disaster Recovery Program Grant for Pre-Disaster Planning and Communications Improvements in an Amount up to \$206,365 and Expressing its Commitment to Provide a Local Match to Grant Funds. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

City Clerk Jacobsen read the consent agenda.

VENUTI/LORD MOVED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

VISITORS

- a. South Kenai Peninsula Opioid Task Force Quarterly Update (10 Minutes)

Jay Bechtol, South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services Director and Task Force member, reported on the South Kenai Peninsula Opioid Task Force Five-Year Strategic Plan and Operating Priorities that were developed through a planning process with the Foraker Group. Their three Community Goals include reducing stigma, focus on prevention, and increase

access to effective, affordable treatment, and their Operating Priority is to improve Task Force Capacity. Kathleen Totemoff, Program Manager for Ninilchik Traditional Council Medication Assistance Treatment Program, commented regarding their treatment options available in the area. They focus primarily on opioids, but treat other substance use disorders as well with the use of medication, counselling, and peer recovery support. They have offices in Ninilchik and Homer, and Monday's are intake days, so people in need of services can walk in on Monday's to connect with Peer Recovery Support Specialists and a counselor, and reviewed some of the services available. Contact SKPOpioidTaskForce@gmail.com for more information.

b. Homer Chapter of the Kenai Peninsula Homeless Connect Project - Derotha Ferraro (10 Minutes)

Derotha Ferraro and Cinda Martin presented on Project Homeless Connect. It is a one day event on Wednesday, January 29th at the United Methodist Church from 9am to 4pm; it's a one stop event for housing and program enrollment, support for homeless and near homeless; and there is one goal to help end homelessness by helping those already homeless or near homeless achieve stability by accessing needed resources in a convenient one stop location. Ms. Ferraro provided an overview of the history of the nationwide program that started in San Francisco 15 years ago and Soldotna began their program in 2015. She explained there isn't an official homeless count in Homer, but the Food Pantry client numbers are growing, last year's average was 125 families, up to 175-200 this year. She provided a list of offerings at the event, local organizers, and current needs. More information is available at www.sphosp.org and on Facebook.

c. 2019 Salmon Season Update - Nate Burga and Norm Darch (10 Minutes)

Nate Burga, Plant Manager for Pacific Star Seafoods and Norm Darch fisherman and small business owner, both members of the Alaska Salmon Alliance (ASA), explained ASA is an organization focused on public education, promoting the value of a healthy salmon resource and working to create predictable harvests for all salmon users in the Cook Inlet region. They provided information from oceanomics.org on port values on the peninsula and a comparison with 10 other US ports. In looking at the overall season ranking from 2010 to 2019, from the ADF&G website, there is a downward trend which isn't a healthy indicator of where things are headed. They reviewed the 2019 sustainable escapement goal for the Kenai River and there was a significant over escapement of 548,157 fish. He reviewed a chart that broke down the over escaped fish at an average of 5.5 pounds per fish, to get the over escapement in pounds. He explained the missed value per fisherman, per processor, and overall for the Kenai Peninsula.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS (5 Minute limit per report)

a. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Lord reported Council discussed Resolution 19-089 regarding derelict vessel removal, Memorandum 19-159 regarding an easement vacation, Ordinance 19-57 regarding City Wide project closeouts, and Ordinance 19-58 regarding HAWSP funds.

b. Worksession Report

City Manager Koester reported Council discussed plans for their retreat being held at the Kachemak Bay Campus on January 11th at 8:00 a.m.

c. Special Meeting Report

d. Mayor's Report

Mayor Castner reported on attending the Homer Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting event last week.

d. Borough Report

Kelly Cooper, Borough Assembly President, thanked all of the responders for their work today during the heavy rainfall. She reported the ordinance for private streets and gated subdivisions has been postponed to February 25th. The material site permit ordinance failed, has been reconsidered, and will come back at the beginning of January. The Assembly discussed the mutual aid agreement and this year there is another one that's an automatic aid agreement from Homer Volunteer Fire Department to Anchor Point. She's concerned about that and resources being drawn down, it should be coming to the Council soon and the City can cancel it with notice. They passed a resolution to match the AML resolution to request the legislature approve a coastal infrastructure general obligation bond for ports and harbors for the 2020 election, and resolution supporting transportation priorities to be considered for grant funding. ILC submitted a grant to get their voucher program going again. They looked at an ordinance for junk and abandoned vehicles, and they're expecting our Representative to introduce a bill at the State level for the abandoned vehicle fund to be funded. The Anadromous Streams Act provides for a staff review every 5 years and the Mayor has requested a workgroup for that. The Mayor vetoed the Kenai Peninsula Tourism and Marketing Council funding and the Assembly overrode the veto, but they have to bring the Assembly their results and a bill. Homer High School is getting a new boiler, and they received a presentation on their audit showing they are \$4 million in the black.

e. Library Advisory Board

Kate Finn, Library Advisory Boardmember, reported the Board meets tomorrow to discuss an endowment fund, and they'll be meeting with the Council in January to discuss the proposed fund. She commented regarding the upcoming Library facility tour, reported on the Library Giving Tree, and thanked Spenards, the Friends, and the Homer Bookstore for their efforts.

f. Planning Commission

Franco Venuti, Planning Commission Chair, reported the Commission deliberated and denied CUP 19-07 regarding parking by the Seafarers Memorial, and adopted findings to support the denial. He noted it's a seasonal issue that deserves further consideration. The Commission vacated and easement, reviewed ordinances regarding a zoning map for the central business district, amending permits to require an asbuilt, and establishing a moratorium while considering a medical district. They also recommended approval of preliminary plats for Fairview Subdivision and Virginia Lynn replat. He recognized City Planner Abboud, Deputy City Planner Engebretsen, and Planning Technician Brown for all the do for the Commission, as well as Deputy City Clerk Krause. He thanked the Council for their support and wished everyone Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season.

h. Economic Development Advisory Commission

i. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

j. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

k. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee

l. City Council Travel

i. Travel Report from Councilmember Aderhold re: AML Conference November 2019

ii. Travel Report from Councilmember Evensen re: NEO Training and AML Conference 2019

iii. Mayor's Report re: 2019 AML Travel

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Ordinance 19-51, An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Appropriating Funds for the Calendar Years 2020 and 2021 for the General Fund, the Water Fund, the Sewer Fund, the Port/Harbor Fund, and Internal Service Funds. City Manager. Introduction October 28, 2019. Public Hearing and Second Reading November 25, 2019 and December 9, 2019.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

Mayor Castner announced the motion postponed on the floor from November 25th and opened the floor for discussion.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADD A \$20,000 EXPENDITURE IN 2020 FROM HART FUNDS FOR THE SPIT PARKING STUDY.

Councilmember Lord recalled at the last meeting there was discussion about the appropriateness of using the HART fund for this project.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND TO CHANGE THE EXPENDITURE PLANNING RESERVES.

There was no discussion.

VOTE (secondary amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the importance of ensuring the City gets an appropriate technical assessment and not a sales pitch from a consultant. It was noted rationale included with the budget amendment addresses the intent for the Spit Parking Study, and a more detailed scope of work will be incorporated into the request for proposals that will be submitted.

VOTE (primary amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

No other amendments were proposed.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 19-51 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY AS AMENDED.

Mayor Castner thanked everyone for their work in adopting the two year budget. He thinks it's wise and progressive, and he thanked staff for all of their work in preparing to take this big step.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- b. Resolution 19-080, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the Homer Tariff No. 1 Under Rule 9-Anchoring, Rule 12-Vehicle Parking, Rule 13-Wharfage, Demurrage and Free Time, Rule 26-Fish Dock Rates, and Rule 27-Small Boat Harbor Rules and Regulations. City Manager/Port Director. Follows Ordinance 19-51.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 19-080 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- c. Resolution 19-081(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the City Fee Schedule under Administrative Fees, **Animal Shelter Fees**, City Clerk Fees, and Port and Harbor Fees. City Clerk. Follows Ordinance 19-51.

Memorandum 19-154 from City Clerk as backup

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

LORD/EVENSEN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 19-081(S) BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

SMITH/VENUTI MOVED TO AMEND THE FEE SCHEDULE TO DELETE THE SECTION REFERENCING SALE OF VEHICLE EXCEEDING NOISE LIMITS.

Councilmember Smith noted this is the section at the bottom of page 211. He discussed this with the Police Chief and learned this was an amendment from an issue that came up in another city, but has not resulted in any citations in our community. It isn't very well defined and the Chief is on board with removing it.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE (main motion as amended): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- d. Ordinance 19-53, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code 1.16.040 Fine Schedule and Chapter 5.42 Carryout Bags, Sections 5.42.020 Definitions and 5.42.020 Exceptions. Venuti. Introduction November 25, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading December 9, 2019.

Memorandum 19-147 from Special Projects and Communications Coordinator as backup

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

VENUTI/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 19-53 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmember Venuti explained this ordinance corrects some minor discrepancies that were discovered in the original ordinance 18-43(S). She acknowledged the written public comments from a business owner on the spit, but the voters approved the change so it will be going forward.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- e. Ordinance 19-54(S)(A), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2019 Operating Budget to Appropriate an Amount not to Exceed \$50,000 from the HART Fund for the Purpose of Developing a Wayfinding-Streetscape Plan for the City of Homer, Authorizing the City Manager to Prepare an RFP for Consultant Services and Authorizing the Establishment of a Wayfinding and Streetscape Task Force with the Consultant. Venuti/Smith. Introduction November 25, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading December 9, 2019.

Memorandum 19-148 from Economic Development Advisory Commission as backup

Ordinance 19-54(S-2)(A), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2019 Operating Budget to Appropriate an Amount not to Exceed \$50,000 from the HART Fund for the Purpose of Developing a Wayfinding-Streetscape Plan for the City of Homer, Authorizing the City Manager to Prepare an RFP for Consultant Services.

Memorandum 19-161 from Special Projects and Communications Coordinator as backup.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

Karin Marks, city resident, commented in support of Ordinance 19-54(S-2)(A). It's been a long journey to get to this and she thinks all the work has developed a well-defined ordinance and an opportunity to get the best bang for our buck.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE 19-54(S-2)(A) FOR 19-54 (S)(A)

There was no discussion on the motion to substitute.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

There were comments of appreciation for all the work that has gone into this and for the Economic Development Commission's willingness to work collaboratively through the questions and iterations.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO AMEND LINE 35 TO TAKE OUT THE PHRASE PUBLIC PARKING SOLUTIONS.

Councilmember Aderhold commented we need to have a conversation about public parking solutions, but she doesn't think we want it to be part of the scope of work for wayfinding and streetscapes. Councilmembers Lord and Smith concurred.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion on the main motion as amended.

VOTE (main motion as amended): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

Mayor Castner called for a break at 7:46 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 7:56 p.m.

- f. Ordinance 19-56, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Moving Expenditures in the Amount of \$92,852.24 Previously Allocated from the General Fund Operating Fund to now be Allocated from the Natural Gas Line Capital Project Fund for Legal and Travel Related Expenses Associated with ENSTAR Tariff Filing 310-4. Mayor. Introduction November 25, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading December 9, 2019.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 19-56 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Mayor Castner commented regarding use of the funds allocated in Free Main Allowance for the costs involved in the working through the tariff filing.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Ordinance 19-57, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Transferring Necessary Funding to Properly Close Projects Citywide in the 2019 Fiscal Year (General Fund, Water/Sewer Fund and Port & Harbor Fund). Mayor. Recommended dates Introduction December 9, 2019 Public Hearing and Second Reading January 13, 2020.

Memorandum 19-155 from Finance Director as backup.

VENUTI/SMITH MOVED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 19-57 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

In response to questions City Manager Koester explained a there will be a substitute ordinance at the next meeting that cleans up some of the confusing verbiage and adds more projects to be booked in 2019.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 19-58, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Addressing the Recommendations from the Altman Rogers & Company HAWSP Fund Balance Analysis Report. Mayor. Recommended dates Introduction December 9, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading January 13, 2020

VENUTI/LORD MOVED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 19-58 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Councilmember Lord noted Council had discussed this at Committee of the Whole and she anticipates having some amendments at the next meeting.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Koester announced she has submitted her resignation as she has accepted a position with the City and Borough of Juneau. She provided a memo that suggests some next steps forward, and Council agreed to hold a special meeting on December 16th at 5:00 p.m. to discuss next steps.

In response to questions, City Manager Koester said she will contact Representative Vance about scheduling a meeting before the next session begins, and there was brief discussion regarding the Bay crest properties

Councilmember Lord requested Council discuss the Seawall next steps at their next Committee of the Whole.

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum 19-160 from City Manager re: Authority to Clear Hazardous Trees in the Right of Way on Mt. Augustine and E. Bayview

At the request of the Mayor, City Manager Koester explained that since the passage of Resolution 19-073(S), which placed a moratorium on all clearing, cutting, and brushing in rights of way while a committee made up of council and staff looks at right of way clearing policy, recent wind events have downed some trees and created safety hazards. She doesn't feel she can authorize Public Works to clear without approval from Council. This memo requests approval for a situation on Mt. Augustine Drive where a tree is threatening a parked car, and another on East Bayview where trees have already fallen and others are threatening to. She requested Council also consider adding clearing around the bridge on Spruceview at Woodard Creek, which was requested by DOT after a recent inspection.

Mayor and Council discussed the issue and Mayor Castner felt that if Council could just authorize the City Manager to make the exceptions she deems appropriate, realizing the intent of the motion was to stop the wholesale clearing of rights of way.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN MEMORANDUM 19-160 WITH ADDITION THAT THE CITY MANAGER MENTIONED AS WELL AS AUTHORIZE THE CLEARING OF TREES DEEMED TO BE NECESSARY FOR SAFETY.

There was further discussion supporting the need for clearing due to wind issues that create safety hazards.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 19-088, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Commenting on Regulatory Commission of Alaska Docket No. P-19-017 in the Matter of the Joint Application Filed by BP Pipelines (Alaska), Inc., and Harvest Alaska, LLC, for Approval of the Transfer of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 311 and

Operating Authority thereunder from BP Pipelines (Alaska) Inc. to Harvest Alaska, LLC.
Aderhold.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 19-088 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Councilmember Aderhold commented this is relative because Homer is a spill effected community from the Exxon Valdez oil spill, we have community members who fish the Prince William Sound waters, and we have representation on the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council (PWSRCAC). She doesn't want to see another oil spill or anything that affects the natural resources we depend on. The information related to the docket came from a letter that PWSRCAC sent to the RCA, which was included in the supplemental packet.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Michael Armstrong, non-resident commenting as Editor of the Homer News, commented in support of an open hiring process when they're considering next steps in looking at City Manager candidates.

Robert Archibald, city resident and President of PWSRCAC, thanked Council for adopting Resolution 19-088 and shared that the organization ran their letter through legal review. He's shocked to learn City Manager Koester is leaving. He'll miss her because she's very efficient, and he wished her the best of luck.

Larry Slone, city resident, commended the Mayor for managing the meeting well tonight, and said he was also surprised to hear the City Manager is leaving. He disagrees with the opioid task force comments equating moral disapproval with illicit drug use. Moral disapproval has a valid function to help guide and constrain certain social acts that are detrimental to the individual and to society.

Kate Finn, city resident said she'll miss City Manager Koester. She thanked Councilmember Lord for participating in Lunch with a Councilmember and encouraged people to come to the library for the event.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Jacobsen had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Koester thanked everyone for all the congratulations.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Castner commented regarding a memorandum he provided the Planning Commission regarding the HAWSP, alerting them of making recommendations when the moratorium is lifted, and about using HART funds for a Master Storm Water Plan. He talked about when he was on a selection committee when City Manager Wrede was hired and it was a very open process. When City Manager Koester was hired, that wasn't so much the case. He is a proponent for the upcoming hiring process to be an open process.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Hansen-Cavasos thanked City Manager Koester and announced the girls wrestling team took first place at the Grace Christian Wrestling Tournament.

Councilmember Aderhold wished everyone happy holidays.

Councilmember Smith commented December 21st is Share the Spirit set up at the high school, and encouraged those who can't attend to contribute something. He wished everyone Merry Christmas or any other holiday you may wish to celebrate.

Councilmember Evensen thanked City Manager Koester and wished everyone happy holidays and happy anniversary to his wife.

Councilmember Venuti shared that she's sad City Manager Koester is leaving but knows she loves adventures. She challenged the other members to bring wool socks to donate to Project Homeless Connect and she's glad they passed the budget, it was a huge undertaking, and now she won't have to carry her big binder around. She encourage the community to help lighten the holidays for others and wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Lord said she excited for Solstice, encouraged everyone to hold on a bit longer when the days start getting longer, and she appreciates the all the lights around town. She's excited for City Manager Koester and new adventures ahead. She's pleased to see Set Free was able to close on a place, she hopes it will be a good facility for them, and wished it hadn't been so difficult. The Nutcracker was awesome, she thanked the Mayor and other who put forth huge effort for the show. For the special meeting on the 16th she asked to bring forward a resolution regarding the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Management Plan proposed amendments.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Castner adjourned the

meeting at 8:43 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, January 13, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Worksession at 4:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk

Adjourn:_____