

Session 11-04, a Special Meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Roberts at 5:30 p.m. on November 15, 2011 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Highland, Roberts, Smith, Venuti

ABSENT: Velsko

STAFF: Public Works Director Meyer
Deputy City Clerk Jacobsen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments.

RECONSIDERATION

No items were scheduled for reconsideration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting Synopsis of August 16, 2011

The Synopsis was approved by consensus of the Committee.

VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

No visitors or presentations were scheduled.

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS

There were no reports.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings scheduled.

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Pioneer and Bypass Right Turn Plan

The Committee reviewed the map provided and made the following comments:

- Would people utilize the right turn only rule if there was no traffic and how would that be enforced.
- A few members tried it over the summer and found more frequently that they didn't need it.
- Coming off Main Street or Heath Street would require loop all the way through town to Lake Street to go out toward the spit.

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- DOT will have to be the ones to make it happen.
- Sveldund should be right turn only or the flower boxes on the corner need to be addressed.
- Traffic from Heath Street would flood Pioneer Avenue, which is one of the worst intersections for level of service.
- Perhaps one way up Main Street and one way down Heath Street would resolve some of the traffic issues.
- A feasible solution could be to restructure the intersections to allow the capability to turn left and right.

SMITH/VENUTI MOVED TO TABLE THE RIGHT TURN LANE CONCEPT IN FAVOR OF SPENDING ENERGY OVER THE NEXT YEAR TRYING TO SOLVE, IN A COMPREHENSIVE WAY, THE INTERSECTION ISSUES AND IDENTIFY WHAT THIS COMMITTEE THINKS WOULD BE GOOD FIXES FROM A CONSTRUCTION PERSPECTIVE.

There were brief comments made.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Draft Resolution 11-xxx Re: Authorizing the Public Works Director to Develop a Budget and Begin the Planning Process for the Waddell Way Road Improvement Project.

The committee reviewed the draft resolution.

SMITH/VENUTI MOVED TO AMEND THE THIRD WHEREAS TO SAY NO LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (LID) HAS BEEN APPROVED IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

There was brief discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

SMITH/VENUTI MOVED TO AMEND THE NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED TO READ THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE CITY MANAGER TO DEVELOP A SCOPE, SCHEDULE, AND BUDGET FRO THE WADDELL WAY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

There was brief discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

Committee members agreed that option b is the preferred improvement routs and it addresses issues with connectivity, the lay of the land, and only one property owner.

- B. 2012 Meeting Schedule

SMITH/HIGHLAND MOVED TO APPROVE THE TAC 2012 MEETING SCHEDULE.

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The committee considered changing the November meeting date as it falls in the week of Thanksgiving and decided to address in the future if needed.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no audience comments.

COMMENTS OF THE STAFF

Staff had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER

There were no Councilmember comments.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Roberts had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Smith said it is exciting to be working on modeled extensions and nice to have movement.

Mrs. Venuti thanked Chair Roberts for her work on the resolution and she is enjoying gaining knowledge on how things go forth.

Ms. Highland said it is interesting to realize the complexity of transportation issues in our town.

ADJOURN

There being no more business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers.

MELISSA JACOBSEN, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Approved: _____