

Session 17-16 a Special Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on June 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Zak at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Department Heads may be called upon from time to time to participate via telephone.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: ADERHOLD, ERICKSON, LEWIS, REYNOLDS, SMITH,
STROOZAS

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.)

Mayor Zak asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

LEWIS/REYNOLDS SO MOVED

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution 17-064**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Acknowledging the Results of the City of Homer Special Election Held June 13, 2017 to Decide Three Questions; Question 1. Shall Donna Aderhold be recalled from the Office of Homer City Council; Question 2. Shall David Lewis be recalled from the office of Homer City Council, and Question 3. Shall Catriona Reynolds be recalled from the office of Homer City Council and Confirming the Certification date of June 19, 2017. City Clerk/Canvass Board.

Mayor Zak asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 17-064 by reading of title only.

STROOZAS/LEWIS SO MOVED

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Ron Keffer, city resident, commented about community and neighborliness. He's in favor of reconciliation and healing, as others are, but he acknowledged that it will be a difficult process as reconciliation requires conversations in which each side listens carefully to the other and work to build mutual respect. He'd like to see us try to achieve the level of neighborliness he's long thought existed in Homer. Perhaps there will be organized conversations and if so he'll sign up. He doesn't want to feel uncomfortable in our town and doesn't want anyone else to either. He wants to know even when we have terrible disagreements we can find a way to appreciate and support each other so we're able to express differences of opinion and still be comfortable in the same town. He commented about a best friend with whom he disagrees on many political issues, so years ago they agreed not to discuss politics, as they have a great deal in common and appreciation for each other's way of thinking. Continually sniping at each other will hold us back from moving forward. A boss told him if you think it's going to feel really good to say it, don't say it. He's guilty as anyone about wanting to express his points of view and see his side prevail, but for now, let's stop any acrimony, leave it all alone, and go fishing.

Tom Zitzman, city resident, thanked the Council. He's aware of the size of the packets they have to move through and the work that is put into the effort. As a resident he doesn't always agree with what they do but he appreciates their efforts. His only comment is if we have a conversation going forward, he is a little disturbed by the low voter turnout, and he's not sure how to change that. It would be great to have a community conversation to get a greater amount of participation.

Francie Roberts, city resident and former councilmember, commented that when she sat in the chairs they are in she received the orange garment she was wearing from our sister city of Teshio, Japan. The people who brought the gifts are unlike her in many ways yet the purpose of their gift was to strengthen the bonds of friendship between the two locales. Homer itself needs to think about this idea. Now is the time to cease casting blame from both sides of the recall issue and begin to work together. That doesn't mean we have to agree all the time, but by not presenting your view point by criticizing another person. She finds she agrees with many of the Baldrige Foundation leadership behaviors. The values encouraged are valuing people, focus on successes, societal responsibility, visionary leadership, ethics, a systems

perspective, and transparency. The councilmembers, as our leaders, must begin to lead us by modeling these leadership skills and not utilize blaming. As some of our citizens have said, we don't need sanctuary city legislation, we should already treat each other with respect.

Robert Archibald, city resident, commented it's a great day after a great weekend. He added to what others said, that he had someone tell him when you have a meeting and disagree, you can get really mad and both walk away from the table, but good people will come back to that table with better ideas. Another thing is that if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem. There's a lot of that in this town. He thinks council is doing a strong job and he appreciates them. Getting folks to agree is an art, he thanked them for what they do.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Zak adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, June 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. a Worksession at 4:00 p.m. and Committee of the Whole 5:00 p.m. There is a Special Meeting scheduled for June 19, 2017 at 4:00 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

Date: _____