

Session 15-09 a Special Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on March 9, 2015 at 5:20 p.m. by Mayor Mary E. Wythe at the Homer City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** COUNCILMEMBERS: BURGESS, LEWIS, REYNOLDS, ROBERTS, VAN DYKE, ZAK

STAFF: ACTING CITY MANAGER/CITY CLERK JOHNSON  
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COORDINATOR KOESTER  
LIBRARY DIRECTOR DIXON  
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR BROWNING  
PORT AND HARBOR DIRECTOR HAWKINS

**AGENDA APPROVAL** (Only those matters on the noticed agenda may be considered, pursuant to City Council's Operating Manual, pg. 5)

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the approval of the amended agenda.

LEWIS/ZAK - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

### **CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT**

A withdrawal notice from city manager candidates Jeffrey Trinker and Carey Meyer were acknowledged.

VAN DYKE/LEWIS - MOVED TO OPEN AN INTERNAL TIMELINE FOR ONE WEEK FOR INTERNAL APPLICANTS TO SEE IF WE CAN MAINSTREAM THIS BECAUSE I'M SURE THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE CITY RIGHT NOW THAT ARE EXTREMELY QUALIFIED TO DO THAT AND IF NOTHING COMES OUT OF THAT I THINK WE NEED TO OPEN IT EXTERNALLY OUTSIDE THE CITY.

Personnel Director Browning advised the Council the job may be opened in-house and the Council can do what it wants at this point.

Mayor Wythe agreed, stating there were internal applicants that did not apply with the larger pool.

Councilmember Reynolds asked if she could join the recruitment committee.

Mayor Wythe asked Personnel Director Browning to explain the process for an external search using a headhunter.

Personnel Director Browning told the Council they can do that although they want a salary. Everything they are throwing out is in the \$160,000+ range.

VOTE: YES. LEWIS, ROBERTS, REYNOLDS, ZAK, VAN DYKE

VOTE: NO. BURGESS

Motion carried.

Mayor Wythe asked if the process goes through the selection committee or through the Council.

LEWIS/BURGESS - MOVED THAT THE WHOLE COUNCIL IS INVOLVED IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS.

The process would include external applicants if that becomes necessary.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

BURGESS/LEWIS - MOVED THAT THE ONE WEEK END MONDAY, MARCH 16 AT 5:00 P.M.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

City Clerk Johnson advised the Council they could review applications on March 23 and take action at that time.

Councilmember Burgess suggested a plan if there are no applicants in the in-house pool.

LEWIS/REYNOLDS – MOVED TO HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING AT 4:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>.

ROBERTS/REYNOLDS - MOVED TO AMEND TO START AT 3:00 P.M.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: (amendment) YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VOTE: (main motion as amended) YES. REYNOLDS

VOTE: NO. ROBERTS, LEWIS, ZAK, BURGESS, VAN DYKE

Motion failed.

The Council discussed dates to discuss applications and set interview dates.

LEWIS/ROBERTS – MOVED TO MEET ON MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00 P.M. TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS.

There was brief discussion about setting an interview date too.

VOTE: YES. REYNOLDS, ROBERTS, VAN DYKE, ZAK, LEWIS

VOTE: NO. BURGESS

Motion carried.

LEWIS/ZAK – MOVED TO MEET MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00 P.M. FOR INTERVIEWS.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

### **COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

There were no comments of the audience.

### **ADJOURNMENT NO LATER THAN 5:50 P.M.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Wythe adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, March 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., Committee of the Whole 5:00 p.m., and a Worksession 4:00 p.m. A Special Meetings are scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m., and Tuesday, March 24, 2015 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.

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JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_