

Session 19-08 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on March 11, 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.

Mayor Castner asked for a motion to allow Councilmember Stroozas to participate telephonically.

ERICKSON/VENUTI MOVED TO ALLOW COUNCILMEMBER STROOZAS TO PARTICIPATE TELEPHONICALLY

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: ERICKSON, LORD, SMITH, STROOZAS (Telephonic), VENUTI

ABSENT: ADERHOLD (Excused)

STAFF: CITY MANAGER KOESTER
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN
PORT DIRECTOR HAWKINS
CITY ATTORNEY WELLS

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

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: **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/BOROUGH REPORT/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS** Councilmember Smith Travel Report; **PUBLIC HEARINGS Ordinance 19-07(S-3)(A)**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY 2019 Capital Budget by Appropriating FY2019 Community Assistance in the Amount of \$177,172.05 from the Police Station Fund **and \$7,827.95 from the General Fund to Homer Foundation for City of Homer Grants Related to Addiction Prevention, Treatment, Harm Reduction, and Recovery; and** Set Free Alaska for the Purpose of **to aid the Construction of a Residential and Out-Patient** Addiction Treatment Center in the **City of Homer.** ~~Aderhold/Venuti-Smith/Erickson~~ Written Public Comments, US Supreme Court Case

No. 15-577 Trinity v. Comer; **CITY MANAGERS REPORT** ROW Clearing Considerations; **PENDING BUSINESS Ordinance 19-09**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating a \$100,000 Service Extension Fees and Authorizing the Extension of City of Homer Water Services to Lot 2B, Puffin Acres Milepost 3, East End Road in Kachemak City. Mayor. **Ordinance 19-09(S)**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating a \$100,000 Service Extension Fees and Authorizing the Extension of City of Homer Water Services to Lot 2B, Puffin Acres Milepost 3, East End Road in Kachemak City. Mayor **Smith. Resolution 19-012**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Council's Operating Manual Regarding Telephonic Participation, Re-Organizing Sections, Clarifying Language, and Adding Appendices for Homer City Code Excerpts. City Clerk. Resolution 06-115(A) as backup; **RESOLUTIONS Resolution 19-019**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the Principal Amount of not to Exceed \$5,000,000 to Finance Part of the Cost of Planning, Design, and Construction of Police Station and Related Capital Improvements in the City; Fixing Certain Details of Such Bonds, Authorizing Their Sale, and Providing for Related Matters. City Manager. Memorandum 19-035 from Finance Director as backup.

ERICKSON/SMITH MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Larry Slone, city resident, commented in support of Ordinance 19-09. He thinks it's a good idea to extend water service as much as we can to Kachemak City residents.

Lynn Spence, city resident, commented she isn't opposed to extending water to Kachemak City, but thinks there needs to be a policy in place first for everyone who might want to participate.

RECONSIDERATION

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items listed below will be enacted by one motion. If 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 Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2019 and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2019. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- B. **Memorandum 19-028** from City Clerk Re: Liquor Licenses Renewals for Beluga Lake Lodge, American Legion Post 16, Mermaid Café, and Boardwalk Fish & Chips. Recommend Approval.
- C. **Memorandum 19-034** from City Clerk Re: City of Homer Municipal Impact Statement. Recommend Approval.

Moved to New Business Item A. Lord.

- D. **Ordinance 19-11**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2019 Operating Budget to Appropriate Matching Funds in the Amount of \$40,097 from the HART Fund for Low-Impact Development Planning through the use of Green Infrastructure. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended Dates Introduction March 11, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading March 26, 2019.
- E. **Ordinance 19-12**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2019 Operating Budget to Appropriate Funds in the Amount of \$25,000 from the Harbor Reserve Account for the Final Design of the Harbor Barge Mooring Facility. City Manager/Port Director. Recommended Dates Introduction March 11, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading March 26, 2019.

Memorandum 19-029 from Public Works Director as back up

- F. **Resolution 19-014**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Issuing a Lease for Proposal (RFP) to Manage, Lease, and Renovate the Homer Education and Recreation Complex (HERC 1). Erickson/Aderhold. Recommend Adoption. Page 105
- G. **Resolution 19-015**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission Bylaws by Renaming Articles in a Manner that more Efficiently Outlines the Commission's Internal Operations that Govern the Orderly Discharge of its Responsibilities; and Amending Articles Titled Purpose, Members, Meetings, Committees, Bylaw Amendments, and Teleconferencing. City Clerk/Port & Harbor Advisory Commission. Recommend Adoption.

Memorandum 19-030 from Port & Harbor Advisory Commission as backup

- H. **Resolution 19-016**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Library Advisory Board Bylaws by Renaming Articles in a Manner that more Efficiently Outlines the Board's Internal Operations that Govern the Orderly Discharge of its Responsibilities; and Amending Articles Titled Members, Meetings, Committees, Bylaw Amendments, and Teleconferencing. City Clerk/Library Advisory Board. Recommend Adoption.

Memorandum 19-031 from Library Advisory Board as backup

- I. **Resolution 19-017**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving a Lease Assignment from Snug Harbor Seafoods Inc. to Copper River Seafoods Inc. and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents for a New Twenty Year Lease with Options for Two Consecutive Five Year Lease Renewals for a Portion of Lot 13B, City of Homer Port Industrial Subdivision No. 2, According to Plat No. 80-92, at an Initial Annual Rate of \$12,996.12. City Manager. Recommend Adoption.

Memorandum 19-032 from Port & Harbor Advisory Commission as backup

Moved to Resolutions Item B. Mayor.

- J. **Resolution 19-018**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the Acceptance of an Alaska Clean Water Actions (AWCA) Grant for Low-Impact Development Planning in the Amount of \$59,784.50 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Grant Agreement. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommend Adoption.

Item C. moved to New Business item A. Lord.

Item I. moved to Resolutions item B. Mayor.

City Clerk Jacobsen read the consent agenda.

Mayor Castner asked for a motion for the adoption of the consent agenda as read.

ERICKSON/VENUTI SO MOVED

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

VISITORS

A. Alaska Command Northern Edge 2019 Training Update (10 minutes)

Lt. Colonel Vaughn Brazil, Captain Bryant Davis, and John Mosher Program Manager US Pacific Fleet presented regarding 2019 Northern Edge Joint Training Exercise.

Lt Col Brazil provided an overview of the biennial exercise scheduled for May 13-24. The US Pacific Air Force is the organization conducting the event which will be an air focused exercise this year. It will be similar in size and scope to the 2017 exercise with approximately 6000 personnel, 175 fixed wing aircrafts, 3 Navy ships, two destroyers and one replenishment ship, and may include an aircraft carrier. He reviewed the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex and the Gulf of Alaska Temporary Maritime Activities Area (TMAA). All at-sea Navy events will occur within the TMAA, it's a large area consisting of 42,146 of nm² sea space, there are no restrictions on civilian navigation, most at-sea activities occur far offshore toward the center of the TMAA, and activities involve protective measures to minimize effects to marine environment. One change this year is that the exercise in addition to the three ships.

Mr. Mosher identified protective measures including extensive mitigation measures developed with National Marine Fisheries Service, implementing mitigation zones for sonar and weapons activities, minimum use of live explosives during weapons training and an area where no explosives will be used, posting marine mammal lookouts, reporting monitoring results and training activities, coordinating with regulatory agencies for adaptive management, and conducting offshore population surveys and other marine species monitoring projects.

B. Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council – Robert Archibald (10 minutes)

Robert Archibald, Homer representative on the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council (PWSRCAC), provided the history of the establishment of the Citizens Advisory Councils for Prince William Sound and Cook Inlet (CIRCAC) following the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill which triggered implementation of Federal laws governing US oil tanker fleets, oil terminals, and oil exploration and production facilities. He also noted the 1968 Union Oil's Platform blowout oil spill near Santa Barbara California which was the catalyst for Federal acts that brought into existence the Environmental Protection Agency, National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Water Act, the public effort Get Oil Out, and the first of many Earth Days. He cited statistics of the spills, and the significance of Oil Pollution Act 1990 which changed the way industry had to do business, tightening up rules for merchant mariners, US Coast Guard vessel traffic system, mandated oil spill contingency plans be developed and submitted to Federal and State Agencies, and tanker escort systems were improved. OPA 90 is what brought

in to existence our PWSRCAC and CIRCAC. These are the only two in the United States. He noted the two councils have different missions and funding, and identified those for PWSRCAC. There has not been a major spill since 1989 due to complacency. PWSRCAC task is to make sure as long as the state develops oil fields and transports oil on ships through Prince William Sound, strong vigilance must be maintained so regulations don't backslide.

He reported the group traveled to Juneau to meet with Legislators on their issues and encourage strong funding for DEC and Spill Prevision Response Division, and will be headed to DC on March 24th to continue the effort.

Mayor Castner expressed his appreciation for Mr. Archibald's work with the PWSRCAC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/BOROUGH REPORT/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Mayor Pro Tem Report on Committee of the Whole Discussion

Councilmember Smith reported the Council discussed right-of-way clearing by Public Works and how to mitigate complications, and the Resolution 19-019 on the \$5 million bond for the police station.

B. Councilmember Report on Special Meeting

Mayor Castner reported their special meeting for a briefing on current Griswold litigation. He noted their efforts to promote transparency regarding the affairs of the City.

C. Councilmember Travel Reports – AML Winter Conference February 19-21 in Juneau

Councilmember Smith noted the comprehensive reports from the City Manager in the last packet and Councilmember Aderhold in this packet.

D. Borough Report

E. Commissions/Board/Committee Reports (5 minute limit per report)

1. Library Advisory Board

Mark Massion, Library Advisory Board member, reported they met Tuesday and discussed the bylaw amendments that were included on the Council agenda, also an orientation packet for future members, and finalized their goals for 2019. He said the Library Director reported on a

visitor from the American Library Association whose interest in rural libraries. The lightbulbs all being replaced with LED's at the library, and Children's Librarian Claudia Haines received an Education Award from the Nation Center for Women and Information Technology, and two Homer High School Students received awards for their interest in mentoring in computer science.

2. Homer Advisory Planning Commission
3. Economic Development Advisory Commission
4. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission
5. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission
6. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- A. **Ordinance 19-07(S-3)(A)**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY 2019 Capital Budget by Appropriating FY2019 Community Assistance in the Amount of \$177,172.05 from the Police Station Fund **and \$7,827.95 from the General Fund to Homer Foundation for City of Homer Grants Related to Addiction Prevention, Treatment, Harm Reduction, and Recovery; and** Set Free Alaska ~~for the Purpose of~~ **to aid the Construction of a Residential and Out-Patient** Addiction Treatment Center in the **City of** Homer. ~~Aderhold/Venuti-Smith/Erickson~~ Introduction January 28, 2019, Public Hearing February 11, February 25, and March 11, 2019, Second Reading March 11, 2019.

Larry Slone, city resident, commented on two sides of the issue, public need and use of city funds.

Tara Beth Wade, city resident, commented in support of Set Free Alaska and shared her experience with a faith based program and the gift of recovery.

Aaron Weiser, pastor of Church on the Rock, commented in support of Set Free Alaska and on the churches efforts to maximize and increase the investment should the City invest money in the program.

Adam Hykes, city resident, expressed support for Set Free Alaska and encouraged City participation in program because planting a seed in this will result in a bigger return than what's put into it. He also commented there are court cases setting precedence that it's allowable to spend public money in this manner.

Kate Finn, city resident, supports efforts for addiction recovery but shared concerns about investing in an issue where there are more questions than answers.

Robert Archibald, city resident, agrees there is a crisis and that people need help. He shared concern that it doesn't say where they're going to put this, that it's using police station funds, and there needs to be more research toward the success rate.

Brett Glidden, community member, commented as a chemical dependency councilor she supports treatment in Homer, but questions the availability of support treatment after residential treatment is completed because there aren't intense outpatient opportunities here.

Ardith Mumma, city resident, commented in support of Set Free Alaska. They are a model that's making a successful impact in the MatSu area and are used consistently for re-entry programs there. They are being funded through a State grant and we need an option in Homer.

Lynn Spence, city resident, commented this isn't a decision whether we support the program and it's not a judgement of the program, but a decision on how to spend the City's money.

Philip Licht, Set Free Alaska Executive Director, shared an overview of staff that visited of past several months, their appreciation of the community, and efforts to decide on Homer as the location. Set Free received the grant from the State and will be applying for an outpatient grant, and they won't need matching funds from the City. He thanked those who offered letters of support and encouraged councilmembers to vote yes.

Candy Roher questioned the impacts of the matching funding from the City and whether other agencies provide funding that can be accessed by Set Free Alaska.

Ginny Espenshade, city resident, said she welcomes help for people struggling with addiction in our community, but it's not fair to characterize concerns with process with being unwelcome. She wants to ensure Set Free and local programs are going to work together before putting public money into it.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

ERICKSON/SMITH MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 19-07(S-3)(A) BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmember Lord thanked everyone who has participated in this process. She's supports their project fundamentally for the community and congratulated them on the funding from the state. Her concerns about being faith based were mollified at the beginning when Mr. Licht provided the non-discrimination policy. Her concern remains with trying to balance our small

town reality where each person at the table is a link to the City coffers. If Council wants to look at liberalizing the way the city spends money and include social service as one of the core functions, she's supportive, but that's not what she's hearing from the people. In her deliberations about this, it's from a fiscal investment policy perspective. If we want to change our policy to address social and non-profit needs on a case by case basis as part of the budget process, she's open to talk about our policy for funding and allocation methods, but she can't support a one off allocation like this.

Councilmember Venuti also appreciates everyone who testified and agreed with Councilmember Lord's comments.

Mayor Castner commented there's a real difference on what a church does on Sunday and what they do through their ministries. They run food pantries, have day cares, and other things for the good of the community that have nothing to do with their ministries. He thinks that's the case here. He thinks the City taking on social services is a big gulp and maybe this was an opportunity to do it, and he encouraged being strategic in kind of entry into social services.

Councilmember Smith shared that he's grateful for the community involvement that's taken place through MAPP and the Opioid Task Force and the collaboration that goes on there. It's through that work that brought Set Free to consider Homer. The community assistance funds open up an ability to evaluate a pressing need within the community that doesn't need to be funded throughout time, it can be evaluated on if it meets a need and brings value to the community, and it serves something that's brought itself to the top. He thinks that's the case here. Some want knee deep policy in everything we do and that provides a level of transparency that brings a piece of mind. But he doesn't always agree that provides a better result than doing something that's not as detailed, because too much can get lost in the process. He pushes back on the idea that we need a policy because then we do establish a precedent and he doesn't know that precedence needs to be behind every single thing we do. It doesn't appear we have four votes tonight and it will fail because of the granular microscopic pressing need for the few and he thinks that's a travesty. After the vote on this, he'll continue to do his part, as many others will, to fill the gap. If we want to talk about the welfare, health, and safety of our community, which is in our charge and should be at the heart of our decisions, then this is a small contribution. It's worth every dime.

Councilmember Erickson commented for her it goes back to the State Trooper showing how little fentanyl can ruin a life, and also talking about what's missing at the table in Homer, which is a place for recovery and the faith base to walk out of it. One missing piece is what happens after recovery and integrating back into the community, and she believes we have that safe environment around here. When people get into trouble here and are in crisis they end up at the hospital and then end up in jail because there's no place for them. Having a place that can take them in and help them, instead of jail, takes pressure off our police department and the hospital. She noted a letter they received from the MatSu Opioid Task Force Chair and said

what struck her is when a person opens up and understands they need help, there's no time to hesitate, there has to be a place for them to go to get help. She has heard Mr. Licht say there's going to outpatient treatment available. We will be giving people a place to go, and they'll be working with other groups and adding to what we have in Homer. She sees us eventually getting that last piece of safe housing to help them move on in safe ways. She supports this because she sees it in her businesses and around town. She noted comments from the foster parent who talked about having children in her home as a result of parents caught up in drugs, or who have physical and or emotional disabilities from improper care or drugs. We have an opportunity to offer hope to people who may be hiding these things within their own walls. This is a drop in the bucket toward safety for all of us. She trusts the people she knows who are part of Set Free Alaska. We know we have issues here, and this is a start to a solution.

Councilmember Stroozas added that as members of Homer City Council they have accepted the responsibility to look out for the health, safety, and welfare of our community. He encouraged each of them to ask themselves, is this Set Free opportunity in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of our community.

SMITH/ERICKSON MOVED LINE 114, DELETE "GENERAL FUND," INSERT "**GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE**" LINE 131, DELETE "OF A GRANT," INSERT "**OF THE RESIDENTIAL SUBSISTENCE USE DISORDER (SUD) TREATMENT SERVICES GRANT**"

There was no discussion.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

VOTE (main motion as amended): YES: SMITH, STROOZAS, ERICKSON
NO: VENUTI, LORD

Motion failed.

- B. **Ordinance 19-10**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Operating Budget in the Amount of \$19,700.00 from the Port and Harbor Reserves for the Purpose of Purchasing and Installing Fencing to Divide Lot 12, Homer Spit Subdivision No. 5 Secured Storage into Regulated and Unregulated Cargo Areas. City Manager/Port Director. Introduction February 25, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading March 11, 2019.

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

Mayor Castner asked for a motion for the adoption of ordinance 19-10 by reading of title only for second and final reading.

ERICKSON/VENUTI SO MOVED

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

Mayor Castner called for a recess at 7:38 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

ORDINANCE(S)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report

City Manager Koester added to her report that Senator Stevens will be having an open house at Islands and Ocean from noon to 2:00 p.m. on March 15th, and confirmed Council's legislative worksession scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th at 4:00 p.m.

B. Bid Report – Informational Only

PENDING BUSINESS

- A. **Ordinance 19-09**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating a \$100,000 Service Extension Fees and Authorizing the Extension of City of Homer Water Services to Lot 2B, Puffin Acres Milepost 3, East End Road in Kachemak City. Mayor. Introduction February 11, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 25, 2019.

Mayor Castner asked for a motion for the adoption of ordinance 19-09 by reading of title only for second and final reading.

ERICKSON/LORD SO MOVED

Councilmember Erikson disclosed that she owns two properties in Kachemak City along the waterline. Mayor Castner ruled that she doesn't have a conflict of interest. There was no objection expressed to the Mayor's ruling.

Councilmember Smith disclosed that his father owns a property that fronts the waterline. Mayor Castner ruled that she doesn't have a conflict of interest. There was no objection expressed to the Mayor's ruling.

City Attorney Wells concurred that there doesn't appear to be a conflict regarding this ordinance, but noted in the future if it's an action that affects payment regarding the main, they may end up having a conflict.

LORD/SMITH MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE 19-09(S) FOR 19-09

Mayor asked to be added as sponsor to 19-09(S)

VOTE: YES: LORD, VENUTI, STROOZAS, ERICKSON

Motion carried.

Councilmember Smith noted Kachemak City Council is meeting next week to discuss a letter of support or non-support of the project.

SMITH/ERICKSON MOVED TO POSTPONE TO THE NEXT MEETING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES: LORD, ERICKSON, STROOZAS, SMITH, VENUTI

Motion carried.

- B. **Resolution 19-012**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Council's Operating Manual Regarding Telephonic Participation, Re-Organizing Sections, Clarifying Language, and Adding Appendices for Homer City Code Excerpts. City Clerk.

Memorandum 19-033 from City Clerk as backup

Mayor Castner asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 19-012 by reading of title only.

ERICKSON/LORD SO MOVED

Mayor Castner expressed his desire to address lines 48 and 49 in attachment A which reads "Statements of the Mayor and Council on behalf of the City are based on consensus and resolve

of the Council body and substantiated by official record.", and references to the time limit outlined in several areas of the manual.

He explained the way the policy is written is that a speaker has three minutes and if they go past that, he's supposed to stop them and get permission from the Council to give them more time. As a presiding officer he doesn't want to do that.

The other issue on lines 48 and 49 says the Mayor and Council can speak only after the Council has reached consensus. He's been invited to speak to different groups about different things and he can't be coming and asking for pre-approval on everything he discusses.

There was discussion among Councilmembers that it's worth discussing and possibly amending the language about statements of Mayor and Council on behalf of the City, but not striking the language completely.

ERICKSON/LORD MOVED TO POSTPONE 19-012 TO THE NEXT MEETING

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

C. **Resolution 19-013**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Supporting the University of Alaska Underscoring the Key Role the Kachemak Bay Brand of the Kenai Peninsula College has in Homer and Encouraging Full Funding of the University at Existing Levels. Venuti.

Resolution 19-013(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Supporting the University of Alaska Underscoring the Key Role the Kachemak Bay Brand of the Kenai Peninsula College has in Homer and Encouraging Full Funding of the University at Existing Levels. Venuti.

Mayor Castner asked for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 19-013 by reading of title only.

ERICKSON/VENUTI SO MOVED

Councilmember Venuti touched on the changes in the substitute resolution.

VENUTI MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE

VOTE (substitution): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

There was no further discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Memorandum 19-034** from City Clerk Re: City of Homer Municipal Impact Statement.

LORD/ MOVED TO ADOPT MEMORANDUM 19-034 AS AMENDED

There was brief comment the amended letter was included in the supplemental packet.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

A. **Resolution 19-019**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the Principal Amount of not to Exceed \$5,000,000 to Finance Part of the Cost of Planning, Design, and Construction of Police Station and Related Capital Improvements in the City; Fixing Certain Details of Such Bonds, Authorizing Their Sale, and Providing for Related Matters. City Manager.

Mayor Castner asked for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 19-09 by reading of title only.

ERICKSON/VENUTI SO MOVED

ERICKSON/LORD MOVED TO AMEND LINE 11 TO ADD "A" BETWEEN "OF" AND "POLICE STATION"; LINE 452 TO ADD "AND DELIVER" BETWEEN "EXECUTE" AND "LOAN AGREEMENT"; LINE 457 TO ADD "LOAN AGREEMENT, THE" BETWEEN "UNDER" AND "THE AND BONDS"

There was brief discussion explaining these are typographical amendments recommended by the bond bank.

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.

- B. **Resolution 19-017**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving a Lease Assignment from Snug Harbor Seafoods Inc. to Copper River Seafoods Inc. and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents for a New Twenty Year Lease with Options for Two Consecutive Five Year Lease Renewals for a Portion of Lot 13B, City of Homer Port Industrial Subdivision No. 2, According to Plat No. 80-92, at an Initial Annual Rate of \$12,996.12. City Manager.

Memorandum 19-032 from Port & Harbor Advisory Commission as backup

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 19-017 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY

Mayor Castner asked the Port Director to answer questions. Mayor Castner said the Snug Harbor lease had some requirements for the construction of the building and the new lease doesn't and asked if it's something we've given up on.

Port Director Hawkins and City Manager Koester explained Copper River Seafoods does propose to build the same building Snug Harbor was going to build. It's identified in the back up memorandum. Originally it was a 2019 completion date so at the request of the applicant it was moved to 2020 for completion.

Councilmember Smith asked for clarification on the term of the extension. Port Director Hawkins confirmed it's a twenty year lease with two five year extension.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Philip Licht, Set Free Alaska Executive Director, thanked Council for the substantial amount of time they've spent discussing the ordinance to fund Set Free Alaska. He appreciates the thoughtful conversation he's had with them. Set Free Alaska is committed to this but if they're unable to raise the money they'll lose the funding and not launch the residential program in Homer. They are going to do their best to raise the money and invite the community to join them in that. Hopefully they'll raise funding through that effort. They seek to partner with the

City and other community providers and he appreciates the time they spent and the dialog, and he respects and honors their decision tonight.

Larry Slone, city resident, commented regarding 19-07(S-3)(A2). It was an emotional discussion and as Councilmember Stroozas said, it would be beneficial to have this program in Homer because it's beneficial to the health, and welfare of the community. But the other question is, is there a better use for the money. If the general populous decides they'd rather spend the money fixing roads, that's a decision the populous made because from their perspective it's more valid. From an emotional perspective you personally felt committed to funding the drug rehabilitation program contrary to the will of the populous then basically you're in a situation where you're emotionally unbalanced and not responding to the will of the citizens. There is a distinction in scale between personal values and position as representative of the community. He thinks Councilmember Lord said it best, personally she's 100% committed to the concept but recognizes her perspective as a representative of the community at large.

Ginny Espenshade, city resident, thanked Council. She thinks close votes are because it's a close question, not because they're at different ends of a decision. She looks forward to working with Mr. Licht and Set Free, and if he thinks were good at discussing things, wait 'til he sees how the community fundraises. One outcome from this discussion could be how many people have been educated on the needs in our community and she's confident the local match can be reached through grass roots efforts, and she will help with that. She commented about the Jumpstart Program offered by KBC for high school students to get college credits at a significantly reduced rate. She also commented she heard one of our hockey teams won at a tournament this weekend.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Wells had no comment.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Jacobsen had no comment

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Koester reminded Council of the Open Meetings Act Brown Bag Lunch tomorrow at noon.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Castner commented regarding his recent trip and traveling along the Rio Grande from the Colorado border to El Paso where water is a big issue. El Paso is a dry riverbed and 30 miles

north it's very narrow and about 4 inches deep. Water rights are big deal as is the right to have water. He spent time working on the Enstar effort and the City of Homer and Kachemak City have jointly filed comments. He attended a meeting with Senator Dan Sullivan, along with the Mayors of Seldovia and Kachemak City, City Manager and staff members. It was a good meeting and the four points addressed were the Coast Guard and our need for harbor expansion, opioids and available State and Federal funds, Federal Transportation bill including the Marine Highway System, and disaster relief and planning. He acknowledged the importance of our local churches and the work and expressed his appreciation for all that they do.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Venuti thanked everyone who stayed at the meeting tonight. Homer High School has won the Silver Award by the US News and Report as one of the top 100 schools in our nation. She thought that was important as we have some issue with our State and funding education. She recalled where she was on March 24, 1989 when the Exxon Valdes oil spill occurred and March 27, 1964 when the earthquake happened, and shared briefly about those experiences. She commented about the importance of having a family plan in place for emergencies to help relieve the stress of an event.

Councilmember Stroozas reminded people about the 26th Winter King Tournament on the 23rd of March and last year's local winner took home over \$56,000. He encouraged people to sign up because you can't win if you don't enter.

Councilmember Smith had no comment.

Councilmember Erickson shared that her mom was cleaning out files and found Resolution 80-22 acknowledging the Homer Public Library Board, Inc, its incorporators, members and supporters, and she read the Resolution.

Councilmember Lord apologized for coughing into her shirt tonight, her family has had influenza and it hit her pretty hard. She had time to reflect on being blessed to be able to be in sick in bed and not be afraid of losing her job, pay her rent, or care for her kids over the last two weeks. She recognizes that as resilience within her family and understands that's not across the board throughout our community. She segued that into her struggles in considering her vote on 19-07. She reiterated her full support of Set Free's project and effort in the community, and anything we're doing as a community to support people and build resilience as a community and also within families and individual people in the community. Her heart is there, she has family history and personal connection to the struggles and pains of addiction, mental health issues, and etcetera. She believes she can't make decisions at this table from a place of emotion, that what we do is precedent setting, and she wishes it was so simple that when good projects came before them that benefit the community, that it was a no brainer. But there is

no end to that list of needs and she looks forward to engaging in a conversation with the Homer Foundation and to continue a conversation at this table about it means, looks like, and what they want to do, in a more holistic way that we can hang our hats on and will last. She also commented about the significant impacts to our schools based on the proposed education cuts in the State budget, and the work the School District has done to identify what the cuts would look like, including closing McNeil and Chapman schools, pools, theaters, and sports, elimination of the breakfast program, and significant teacher cuts, to name a few, and also the Board work on developing a contingency. She's hopeful we'll get something from the legislature we can work with.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Worksession 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

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