

**ACTIONAGENDA
Worksession
Committee of the Whole
Regular Meeting
February 25, 2019**

WORKSESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER, 4:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Castner was excused and Councilmember Stroozas participated telephonically.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL (Only those matters on the noticed agenda may be considered, pursuant to City Council's Operating Manual, pg. 6)

APPROVED by consensus.

3. HERC LETTERS OF INTEREST REVIEW –Resolution 19-006(A)

- Kachemak Bay Athletics
- Fireweed Academy
- Bunnell Street Arts Center
- City of Homer Community Recreation

4. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were six who commented.

5. ADJOURNMENT NO LATER THAN 4:50 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting is Monday, January 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Special Meeting 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. CALL TO ORDER, 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Castner was excused and Councilmember Stroozas participated telephonically.

- 2. AGENDA APPROVAL** (Only those matters on the noticed agenda may be considered, pursuant to City Council's Operating Manual, pg. 6)

APPROVED by consensus

- 3. CONSENT AGENDA**
- 4. REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**
- 5. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

There were three who commented.

- 6. ADJOURNMENT NO LATER THAN 5:50 P.M.**
Next Regular Meeting is Monday, March 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Special Meeting at 4:00 p.m. and 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Worksession 4:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole 5:00 p.m. in Homer City Hall Cowles Council Chambers.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Session 19-06 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on February 25, 2019 by Mayor Pro Tem Heath Smith 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, ERICKSON, LORD, SMITH, STROOZAS
(Telephonic), VENUTI

ABSENT: MAYOR CASTNER (Excused)

STAFF: CITY MANAGER KOESTER
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN

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

2. 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: A revisor correction on Ordinance 19-07(S-3) to strike Aderhold/Venuti as sponsors as listed on the agenda and Ordinance 19-07(S-3); **VISITORS** Presentation on Wayfinding and Streetscapes – Economic Development Advisory Commission. Public comments; **PUBLIC HEARINGS 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. Written Public Comments. **Ordinance 19-07(S)**, 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 to Set Free Alaska for the Purpose of Securing Matching Funds to Establish an Addiction Treatment Center in Homer. Smith/Erickson. **Ordinance 19-07(S-2)**, 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 to **Mobilizing for Action Through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) for the Opioid Task Force Coordination; Homer Foundation for City Of Homer Grants Related to Addiction Prevention, Treatment, Harm Reduction, and Recovery; and** Set Free Alaska For The Purpose Of Establishing ~~a~~ **a Residential** Addiction Treatment Center in Homer. Smith/Erickson **Aderhold/Venuti**. Community Assistance Program, Statutes and Regulations, and Written public comments; **CITY MANAGERS REPORT** City Manager’s written report, Bid Report - Informational Only, Records Destruction Report – Informational Only

APPROVED as amended

3. MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Recognition of former Councilmember John Fenske

Mayor Pro Tem read and presented the recognition to Lou Marion. Mr. Marion thanked Council for the recognition and thanked the community for their support.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

There were four who commented

5. RECONSIDERATION

6. 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 Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2019. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- B. **Memorandum 19-027** from Planning Re: Providing Further Direction Homer Area Transportation Plan Update. Recommend Approval.
- C. **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. Recommended dates Introduction February 25, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading March 11, 2019.
- D. **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. Recommend adoption.

Moved to Resolutions A. Aderhold

- E. **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. Recommend Adoption.

Moved to Resolutions B. Aderhold

Item D and E moved to Resolutions A and B. Aderhold

ADOPTED without discussion.

7. VISITORS

A. Presentation on Wayfinding and Streetscapes – Economic Development Advisory Commission (10 minutes)

Karin Marks, Economic Development Advisory Commission Chair and Jeffery Johnson, Economic Development Advisory Commissioner, presented to Council. They explained the Commission has been working on a Wayfinding and Streetscape Plan for Homer in response to the Business Retention and Expansion survey the Commission completed last year. Respondents to the survey indicated that beautification improvements, particularly on Pioneer Avenue and the Central Business Districts (CBD), and greenspace and walkability are ways to improve both the business environment and quality of life in Homer.

Wayfinding is using landmarks, signage, and pathways to help navigate and experiences a place, and Streetscapes are amenities that promote safety, comfort and an interest in exploring an area on foot. A Wayfinding and Streetscape Plan would identify a system to help orient visitors and assist them in moving around Pioneer Avenue and the CBD using effective signage and land marks, and also increase safety by clearly identifying tsunami evacuation routes and safe zones. The plan will assist in guiding future purchasing and placement of streetscape and public space enhancements along routes and points of interest, and provide a vision to encourage State and private business in areas like placement of wayfinding signs and hosting parks or bench locations.

Mrs. Marks and Mr. Johnson addressed how Homer can benefit and compete for business patronage from tourists and locals through cohesive and thoughtful design, vibrant street environments, and wayfinding improvements to help pedestrians connect our landmarks and amenities. They identified economic benefits that include attracting new and repeat visitors by responding to changing demographic and economic trends, support for local businesses, and local tax revenues. They showed pictures of what we have in the area now, including varying signage and sign clutter, and pictures of creative signage from other communities. The EDC recommendation to City Council is to support their work on a new multi-modal Transportation Plan in which wayfinding-streetscape is included an integral component. If it is not included as part of an update to the Transportation Plan, the EDC recommends City Council consider ways to develop a stand-alone Streetscape-Wayfinding Plan.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/BOROUGH REPORT/
COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Councilmember Aderhold reported the Council reviewed consent and regular agenda items. They spent some time discussing the City Manager’s Report and the March 5th worksession where that will include a legislative update and then discussion with Kachemak City Council

regarding city water service. They also touched on the meeting with the bond bank regarding the regarding the bond for the new police station.

B. Councilmember Report on Worksession Discussion

Councilmember Lord reported the Council reviewed and discussed the letters of interest that were submitted for the HERC and discussed next steps. A resolution will be coming forward at the next meeting by Councilmembers Aderhold and Erickson authorizing an RFP for third part property management to manage leases at the HERC.

C. Borough Report

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

1. Library Advisory Board

Mark Massion, Library Advisory Boardmember gave a brief report about the Big Read.

2. Homer Advisory Planning Commission

3. Economic Development Advisory Commission

Karin Marks, Economic Development Advisory Commission Chair, reported members of the Homer Hockey Association have been attending their meeting and and have presented information looking at Homer Hockey as an economic engine in the off season. She also encourage people to look at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Guide. They've made some changes and its moving in a positive direction.

4. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

5. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

6. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee

9. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

A. **Ordinance 19-08**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY 2019 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$39,500 from Fire Reserves to Purchase Replacement Personal Protective Equipment for the Homer Volunteer Fire Department. City Manager/Fire Chief. Introduction February 11, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 25, 2019.

There were no public comments.

ADOPTED without discussion.

- B. **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.

There were no public comments.

POSTPONED to March 11th.

- C. **Ordinance 19-07(S)**, 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 to Set Free Alaska for the Purpose of Securing Matching Funds to Establish an Addiction Treatment Center in Homer. Smith/Erickson. Introduction January 28, 2019, Second Reading and Public Hearing February 11, 2019.

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Ordinance 19-07(S-3), 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 Homer. **Aderhold/Venuti/Smith/Erickson**

There were 12 who commented.

INTRODUCED 19-07(S-3) and postponed as amended to Public Hearing on March 11th with discussion.

Amended Line 18 and 136 to read treatment facility in **the City of** Homer

Mayor Pro Tem Smith called for a recess at 8:04 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 8:10 p.m.

10. ORDINANCE(S)

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. City Manager's Report
- B. Bid Report
- C. Records Destruction Report

12. PENDING BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution 19-007**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Establishing a Transportation Advisory Task Force with the Expressed Purpose of Advising the Advisory Planning Commission on the Homer Area Transportation Plan. Erickson.

FAILED for lack of a motion.

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. RESOLUTIONS

- A. **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.

POSTPONED to March 11th without discussion.

- B. **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.

POSTPONED to March 11th without discussion.

15. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were three who commented.

16. COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Wells was not in attendance.

17. COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Jacobsen had no comment.

18. COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Koester had no comment.

19. COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Castner was absent.

20. COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Aderhold thanked Mayor Pro Tem Smith for the recognition of John Fenske, it was very important and appropriate. She thanked the City and community for allowing her to represent them in Juneau at the Alaska Municipal League. The Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve will have a Lunch and Learn at Kachemak Bay Campus at noon, Friday, March 1st on climate adaptation and mitigation and includes the City's Climate Action Plan. Representative Vance will be in town this weekend and there are opportunities to meet with her Friday March 1st at 5:00 p.m. at Ninilchik Traditional Council and Saturday March 2nd at 10:00 a.m. at Kachemak Bay Campus, and she encouraged people to attend. She asked the City Manager if she could work on a refresher training on for Council on the Open Meetings Act, and advised she will be absent for the March 5th worksession.

Councilmember Erickson commented regarding the Senior Official All Hazards Training with City Employees, and people from the Borough and different local agencies. One thing she came away with is Interim Fire Chief Purcell is really prepared and it's nice to realize the depth and level of people in our community to lead us through something that could be catastrophic. It was also good to know how far along we are in our plans, she feels like we're doing well. It's important for us to have plans for our families and our neighbors should we have another major earthquake, and it's important as a business owner to have a plan also. On a lighter note, she encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy the ski trails, fat tire bike trails, and snow machine trails. It's a great time of year to get out and enjoy life.

Councilmember Lord commented her tulips and seed starts are starting to pop up. She thanked everyone who testified and Councilmembers for their discussion tonight. She appreciates the ability to have hard conversations. She hopes people are communicating with their legislators not only on the budget but also legislation that might be of interest to them. She encouraged asking legislators what their vision looks like for schools, Medicare, DHHS, and other areas of interest. Paul Banks PTA is holding an education funding forum for parents and community members next Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. She also noted the college is doing free, non-partisan sessions about how to be an advocate over the next few Mondays. This is a small state and it's our state so she hopes people find their voices and use them.

Councilmember Venuti commented the wayfinding plan fits in well with our evacuation plan, which was something they talked about at the All Hazards training last week. She thought what the EDC proposed is important and she's going to make sure it doesn't get shelved. She cares about Pioneer Avenue and has a vision of it being just as busy as the Spit. She appreciated the recognition of John Fenske, he was a wonderful, giving man. She reiterated that for the next few Mondays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. there will be a non-partisan group discussing how to be an advocate for anything you care about in our government. The heat is on and our legislators need to hear from us. Lastly she thanked the people who testified tonight, it means a lot.

Councilmember Stroozas thanked the EDC for the information about a Wayfinding Plan for Homer, it coincides with a great book he borrowed from Planning and Zoning on the topic, and he encouraged others to read it when he's done. He said the tulips and daffodils are blooming in the Deep South, and he commented about the Chamber of Commerce State of the City Luncheon and encourage folk to attend.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith also commented about the All Hazards training and emphasized the importance of having a plan for the city and also as individuals. Trish Davis from the Red Cross attended and shared that people struggle to find shelter in times of need because there aren't trained people in Homer. If we want the Red Cross to participate during those times, then we need to have qualified people to run the shelters. He encouraged people to think about whether that's something they'd be willing to do, and said he suggested the representative contact the churches as those are ideal locations for some of these shelters. The high school won't be enough when there is a large need. He attended AML in Juneau, it was educational, he's grateful they're organized and they're going to work. He remains hopeful.

21. ADJOURNMENT

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Mayor Pro Tem Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.