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Homer, Alaska 99603
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**City of Homer
Action Agenda
Committee of the Whole
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2020 at 5:00 PM
Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER, 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Castner called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Department Heads may be called to participate.

Councilmember Evensen was excused, timely notice was given.

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

APPROVED agenda by consensus.

CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Three people commented.

ADJOURNMENT NO LATER THAN 5:50 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting is Monday, February 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Special Meetings are scheduled at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 and Friday, February 14, 2020. All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Session 20-04 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on February 10, 2020 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.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: ADERHOLD, HANSEN-CAVASOS, LORD, SMITH,
VENUTI

ABSENT: EVENSEN (excused)

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.)

The following changes were made: **CONSENT AGENDA Resolution 20-017**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Delegating Authority to Implement, Administer and Enforce the Provisions of the Uniform Code to the Alaska Intergovernmental Remote Sales Tax Commission and Supporting Adoption of Kenai Peninsula Borough Ordinance 2020-03. City Manager. KPB Ordinance 2020-03 as backup ; **ORDINANCES** Ordinance 19-47, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Repealing Homer City Code 2.76 Economic Development Advisory Commission, Requiring Economic Finding to Accompany Recommendations from City Commission, Establishing an Official Mayoral Appointment to the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District Board of Directors City of Homer Seat and Encouraging Appointment of Task Forces to Address Timely Community Issues, and Amending Homer City Code 2.58.020 Creation of City Boards and Commissions to Delete (e) Economic Development Advisory Commission. Lord. Introduction October 14, 2019 Postponed. Introduction February 10, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 24, 2020. Ordinance 19-47(S-2), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Repealing Homer City Code 2.76 Economic Development Advisory Commission, Requiring Economic Finding to Accompany Recommendations from City Commission, Establishing an Official Mayoral Appointment to the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District Board of Directors City of Homer Seat and Encouraging Appointment of Task Forces to Address Timely Community Issues **Creating an Annual Process for the City to Review and take Action on Prioritized Economic Development Issues**, and Amending Homer City Code 2.58.020 Creation of City Boards and Commissions to Delete (e) Economic Development Advisory Commission. Lord/**Venuti**. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS** Planning Commission Report – Medical Zoning District neighborhood meeting mailer; **NEW BUSINESS Memorandum 20-025** from Councilmember Aderhold Re: City of Homer Comments on the Alaska We Want, March 11, 2019 Letter to Governor from Homer City Council RE: City of Homer Municipal Impact Statement as backup and Written Public Comments.

APPROVED as amended without discussion.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Four people commented.

RECONSIDERATION

CONSENT AGENDA (Items listed below will be enacted by one motion. If a 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 January 27, 2020 and Special Meeting February 3, 2020. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- b. Memorandum 20-024 from Mayor Castner re: Reappointment of Clark Fair, Ingrid Harrald and Peter Roedl to the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission. Recommend approval.
- c. Memorandum 20-027 from Human Resources Director re: City Manager Hiring Next Steps and Review of Interview Questions. Recommend approval.
- d. Ordinance 20-09, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating the FY20 State of Alaska Community Assistance Program payment in the Amount of \$152,080.41 to the Old Middle School Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance Fund. City Manager. Introduction February 10, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading February 24, 2020.
- e. Resolution 20-017, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Delegating Authority to Implement, Administer and Enforce the Provisions of the Uniform Code to the Alaska Intergovernmental Remote Sales Tax Commission and Supporting Adoption of Kenai Peninsula Borough Ordinance 2020-03. City Manager. Recommend adoption.
- f. Resolution 20-018, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Supporting the Recertification of the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council by the United States Coast Guard to be the Regional Citizens Advisory Council for Prince William Sound and Affected Entities by the Tanker Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. Lord. Recommend adoption.

APPROVED without discussion.

VISITORS

- a. League of Women Voters - (5 Minutes)

Kate Finn shared a brief history of the League of Women Voters and that their 100th Anniversary is February 14, 2020. She reviewed the verbiage of the proclamation celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS (5 Minute limit per report)

- a. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Lord reported at Committee of the Whole they discussed next steps for the City Manager hiring process and interview questions, and Memorandum 20-025 and the verbiage related to the PFD. Project Manager McNary gave a Police Station building update from and in response to questions said they could schedule a tour of the site.

- b. Worksession Report

There was no worksession report.

c. Special Meeting Report

There was no special meeting report.

d. Mayor's Report

Mayor Castner commented the City Manager telephonic interviews are scheduled for Wednesday and Friday, and in person interviews will be in the next two weeks. The meetings are open to the public.

e. Borough Report

f. Library Advisory Board

Kate Finn reported working with council on endowment fund lo 629. Library programs, PFD updates and 2020 Census information.

g. Planning Commission

i. Medical Zoning District neighborhood meeting mailer (Supplemental Packet)

Roberta Highland, Planning Commissioner, reported at their last worksession they had a presentation from South Peninsula Hospital representatives on their future planning and discussed the proposed Medical Zoning District. At their regular meeting they approved a CUP, amended their Policy and Procedures Manual, and discussed the proposed Medical Zoning District. She noted at their next worksession there will be a neighborhood meeting on the Medical Zoning District.

h. Economic Development Advisory Commission

Karin Marks, Economic Development Advisory Commission Chair, thanked Councilmember Lord and former Councilmember Erickson for postponing Ordinance 19-47 to allow the Commission time to consider the change and work on a mechanism to allow the City to address economic development. She noted their meeting minutes are included in the packet for Council to review their discussions.

i. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

j. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

k. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Ordinance 20-06, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY 2020 Capital Budget by Appropriating Funds in the Amount of \$750,000 from the General Fund Fund Balance for the Purpose of Re-initiating and Conducting a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers General Investigation Study for the Homer Large Vessel Port

Expansion. Smith/Lord. Recommended dates: Introduction January 27, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 10, 2020.

Memorandum 20-016 from Port Director as backup

ADOPTED with discussion.

- b. Ordinance 20-07, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the Capital Budget and Authorizing the Expenditure of up to \$100,000 in Pass Through Funds for Repairing Damage to the Deep Water Dock. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates Introduction January 27, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading February 10, 2020

Memorandum 20-017 from Port Director as backup

ADOPTED with discussion.

ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Ordinance 19-47, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Repealing Homer City Code 2.76 Economic Development Advisory Commission, Requiring Economic Finding to Accompany Recommendations from City Commission, Establishing an Official Mayoral Appointment to the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District Board of Directors City of Homer Seat and Encouraging Appointment of Task Forces to Address Timely Community Issues, and Amending Homer City Code 2.58.020 Creation of City Boards and Commissions to Delete (e) Economic Development Advisory Commission. Lord. Introduction October 14, 2019 Postponed. Introduction February 10, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 24, 2020.

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and Commissions to Delete (e) Economic Development Advisory Commission.
Lord/Venuti.

INTRODUCED Ordinance 19-47(S-2) with discussion.

- b. Ordinance 20-08, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer city Code Chapter 5.42 Single Use Plastic Carryout Bags, Section 5.42.020 Definitions to Remove Bags made of any Material labeled as Biodegradable as an Exception and Define Compostable. Venuti. Recommended dates Introduction February 10, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 24, 2020.

Memorandum 20-028 from City Manager as backup.

INTRODUCED with discussion.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. City Manager's Report

Councilmember Aderhold commented in support of a 50 year warranty for the airport roof.

PENDING BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 20-010, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving a Five Year Extension of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Homer and Kachemak City Regarding the Canyon Trails Subdivision and Road Maintenance on Stellers Jay Drive and Golden Plover Avenue. City Manager.

ADOPTED with discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum 20-025 from Councilmember Aderhold re: City of Homer Comments on the Alaska We Want

APPROVED as amended with discussion.

Amended:

- page 3: What should PFD look like going forward? ~~The Homer City Council believes that using some portion of the Permanent Fund Earnings Reserve to help pay for government should be considered as part of a long term revenue solution. While this means a cap, or limit, on the Permanent Fund Dividend check, it also is a way all Alaskans can share in the responsibility of providing essential government services.~~ **The Homer City Council appreciates this question and defers to the citizens of Alaska to provide responses.**
- page 1: The Homer City Council reiterates its previous position that we want to be

both proactive about revenue solutions and supportive of a sincere and honest look at new revenue for the State of Alaska. This includes:

- Examining the oil tax credit structure to ensure oil and gas exploration is not being subsidized by citizens
 - Exploring an income tax
 - ~~Using our largest asset, the Permanent Fund, to fund essential government services and ensure the long term sustainability of the corpus by capping the Permanent Fund Dividend.~~ **Assessing the use of our largest asset, the permanent fund, to fund essential government services, while ensuring the long term sustainability of its corpus.**
- ~~page 1: The City of Homer is supportive of a broad based tax in which all Alaskans and non-residents who benefit from the resource wealth of our great state pay their fair share of the services provided by State government but we hesitate when it comes to a statewide sales tax initiative.~~ Municipalities such as Homer depend on sales tax to provide essential services such as police protection; water, sewer, and road infrastructure; and emergency services. Homer shoppers pay 7.85% in sales tax (which includes Kenai Peninsula Borough and City of Homer sales taxes). A statewide sales tax hurts our residents who can least afford it and has the potential to be devastating to municipalities like Homer whose residents are already paying for government services through their purchases. Please consider the regressive nature of sales tax, the need to capture income from non-residents, and the impact to municipalities when debating sales tax proposals.
- b. Memorandum 20-026 from Councilmember Smith re: Directing Parks Art Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission to Consider Lot for Sale Adjacent to Jack Gist Park

APPROVED with discussion.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 20-016, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Reaffirming their Commitment to Provide Indoor Recreation Opportunities to Area Residents Via A Multi-Use Community Center. Aderhold.

ADOPTED with discussion.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Four people commented.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Jacobsen announced an opening on the Library Advisory Board.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Koester had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Castner congratulated the Homer High School Hockey Team for winning their first ever State Conference.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Lord commented her kids are playing Micro Bells and after their last practice the high school varsity team was practicing. It was cool for her kids to be able to watch them. She also congratulated the hockey team for their win. She commented about the importance of the Census and how she's been able to do genealogy research through those old records. She also shared that she's headed to Anchorage for the Statewide Harbormasters Associations first ever winter administrative conference, then on to Juneau for Harbormasters Association meetings and also AML meetings.

Councilmember Venuti thanked Councilmember Lord for her work with the Harbormasters Association. She thanked all the members who have served on the Economic Development Advisory Commission and Deputy City Clerk Tussey for her work on the minutes. She reminded listeners that MAPP and South Peninsula Hospital are doing a Perceptions of Community Health survey and encouraged participation that will help with community needs. Lastly she congratulated the Varsity Hockey Team for their win and it makes her remember former Councilmember David Lewis and his support of the hockey rink.

Councilmember Smith thanked Megumi Beams for her report on her Sister City visit. He congratulated the Varsity Hockey Team and noted they made to the final championship game last year. The Volleyball Team also won state. Last weekend he helped the JV Boys Basketball Team that isn't doing quite as well. It was good for them to be able to watch Dimond Varsity play. He commented sports play a role in the development of our kids, it teaches teamwork, dedication, and the ability to achieve what you want if you put in the time.

Councilmember Aderhold thanked Megumi Beams for being our ambassador to Teshio, and she looks forward to 2021. She commented that there are a lot of kids on her street and its fun to watch them in unstructured play. Seeing the social things they figure out in unstructured play, how to deal with each other, how hierarchies work, and how to work out conflict is highly valuable. Sports are valuable, and unstructured play is also very valuable. She thanked everyone who commented at the meeting and outside of the meeting. Their input is valuable and appreciated.

Councilmember Hansen-Cavasos thanked Megumi Beams for her report, Sister City was a big deal when she was younger. She encouraged attending the presentation by Tela O'Donnell Bacher, she has some amazing things to talk about. The Wrestle Like a Girl program is huge. She's done a lot for our local wrestlers.

ADJOURNMENT

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