



## **Homer City Hall**

491 E. Pioneer Avenue

Homer, Alaska 99603

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# **City of Homer Action Agenda**

**City Council Committee of the Whole**

**Regular Meeting**

**Monday, February 24, 2020 at 5:00 PM**

**City Hall Cowles Council Chambers**

### **CALL TO ORDER, 5:00 P.M.**

Mayor Pro Tempore Lord called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Castner was excused, timely notice was given.

Department Heads may be called on to participate

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

APPROVED by consensus.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

### **DISCUSSION TOPIC(S)**

- a. City Facilities - Old and New

### **COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

One person commented.

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

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Mayor Pro Tem Lord adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

## REGULAR MEETING

Session 20-07 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on February 24, 2020 by Mayor Pro Tempore Rachel Lord 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:** MAYOR CASTNER (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: **ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**  
AML Travel Report – Councilmember Lord **PUBLIC HEARINGS** 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. Written public comment ; **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT** City Manager written report; **RESOLUTIONS Resolution 20-021**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Urging the Alaska State Board of Fisheries to Strongly Support the Alaska Salmon Hatchery Program Owing to the Multitude of Benefits it Provides. Evensen. Excerpt from (2018) Economic Impact of Alaska's Salmon Hatcheries, a McDowell Group Study, as backup and written public comment.

APPROVED as amended without discussion.

### MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

One person 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 February 10, 2020. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.

- b. Memorandum 20-029 from Mayor Pro Tempore Re: Appointment of Ella Blanton-Yourkowski as the Student Representative to the Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission. Recommend Approval.
- c. Ordinance 20-10, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2020 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$10,000 to the Homer Foundation to Create a Library Endowment Fund and Amending the 2021 Operating Budget by Creating a Line Item for Library Endowment Fund Expenditure and Revenue. Aderhold/Venuti. Recommended Dates Introduction February 24, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading March 9, 2020.

Memorandum 20-030 from Library Director as backup.

- d. Ordinance 20-11, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving the Disposal of the City's Interest in a .21 Acre Portion of the Existing Sterling Highway at its Intersection with Lake Street at no Cost to the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Introduction February 24, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading March 9, 2020
- e. Ordinance 20-12, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Chapter 17.02.040 Initiation of the Special Assessment District to Update the Steps in the Special Assessment District Process. City Clerk. Introduction February 24, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading March 9, 2020

Memorandum 20-031 from City Clerk as backup

- f. Ordinance 20-13, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code 2.72.010 Homer Planning Commission Established; 2.64 Port and Harbor Advisory Commission Section 2.64.010 Commission – Creation and Membership; and Chapter 2.67 Economic Development Advisory Commission Section 2.76.010 Commission – Creation and Membership to Remove the Mayor and City Manager or Designee as Consulting Members of the Commissions. Aderhold. Recommended Dates Introduction February 24, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading March 9, 2020.

Moved to Ordinance item a. Evensen

- g. Resolution 20-019, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Approving the City of Homer 2020 Land Allocation Plan. City Manager. Recommend Adoption.

Memorandum 20-032 from Deputy City Planner as backup

- h. Resolution 20-020, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Establishing a Field of Interest Fund with the Homer Foundation, Outlining the Process for Oversight of those Funds and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. Aderhold/Venuti. Follows Ordinance 20-10.

Item f. moved to Ordinance item a. Evensen

APPROVED without discussion.

## **VISITORS**

- a. Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District Community Update - Tim Dillon (10 Minutes)

Tim Dillon, KPEDD Executive Director, reported to Council.

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

- a. Committee of the Whole Report

City Manager Koester reported Council briefly discussed ordinances 20-10 and 20-13, and heard from Public Works Director Meyer regarding potential new Public Works locations, from Port Director Hawkins regarding the old ferry terminal, and Fire Chief Kirko about fire department use of the old police station.

- b. Mayor's Report
- c. Borough Report
- d. Library Advisory Board

Kate Finn, Library Boardmember, thanked Council for introducing Ordinance 20-10 establishing the library endowment fund. She reported on library events including lunch with a Councilmember, a fundraiser at the theater for the Library and KBBI, Lifelong Learning awards, and the 2020 Census.

- e. Planning Commission

Tom Bos, Planning Commissioner, reported the Commission has worked on amending their Policy and Procedures Manual, and discussed the Planning Departments role in enforcing the plastic bag ordinance. At their last worksession they held a neighborhood meeting regarding the proposed medical district, there was a good turnout and good discussion. They discussed the Seafarer Memorial and HAWSP, and they celebrated Planning Commissioner Syverine Bentz for her leadership award of Planning Advocate of the Year.

- f. Economic Development Advisory Commission
- g. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

Ingrid Harrald, Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission Chair, thanked Council for approving the appointment of Ella Blanton-Yourkowski, it will be great to have a student on board again. At their last meeting they heard a presentation about a community park from Dr. Marley and they will be discussing it at a future meeting. She recognized Deputy City Planner Engebretsen, Parks Maintenance Coordinator Steffy, and Recreation Manager Illg for their reports and support to the Commission. They discussed Council's Memo 20-026 and the property near Jack Gist Park, and also Memo 20-002 about safety considerations at Karen Hornaday Park. They will have a report back to Council when they've finished their review.

- h. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission
- i. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee

### **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

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Memorandum 20-033 from Councilmember Lord as backup

One person commented.

POSTPONED to March 9, 2020 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. Introduction February 10, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 24, 2020.

There were no public comments.

ADOPTED with discussion as amended.

Amended: Lines 69 and 70 to add international units of measurement and read: d. "Compostable" means a bag that meets **either** the American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) D6400, **European Standard EN13432, or Australian Standard AS4736:2006** for compostable plastics.

- c. 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. 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.

There were no public comments.

ADOPTED without discussion.

### **ORDINANCE(S)**

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INTRODUCED with discussion.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Koester noted on-going city facility tours and city mapping available on the website.

She and Councilmembers Smith and Lord reported on their trip to Juneau for the AML Winter Legislative Conference.

City Manager Koester also noted upcoming presentations to Council regarding corona virus information.

### **PENDING BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- a. Resolution 20-021, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Urging the Alaska State Board of Fisheries to Strongly Support the Alaska Salmon Hatchery Program Owing to the Multitude of Benefits it Provides. Evensen.

FAILED with discussion.

### **COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

Two people commented.

### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK**

### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

### **COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Pro Tempore Lord commented about her challenging travels home from Juneau with the recent snowy weather, and the cool part of being able to talk with others in the same situation and realize the importance of a reliable transportation network.

### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Venuti commended Mayor Pro Tem Lord for running a good meeting, and shared that she supports a train to Homer. She recognized Planning Commissioner Syverine

Bentz who was awarded Planning Advocate of the Year, she's an asset to the City and someone to watch. She noted there is information on the City's website about corona virus and encouraged listeners to take a look. She noted a letter she received from Erica Marley regarding the light on Soundview and she's interested in working on that.

Councilmember Evensen said he enjoyed Friday's tour of the water treatment plant and thanked city staff for their work in being thorough and efficient with the city's water. He sat in at the Homer Chamber of Commerce retreat and was impressed with the expertise around the table. He commented about the City Manager search and encouraged that they not rush the decision and emphasized the importance of slowing down. He feels like this process has been a little rushed.

Councilmember Smith shared he isn't convinced their City Manager hiring timeline is too aggressive and is comfortable giving the process has an opportunity to play out. He talked about broom ball at the hockey rink on Fridays and encouraged people to try it out, it's a lot of fun. He congratulated Ms. Bentz for her award and her added value to the Planning Commission, and noted the upcoming presentations on corona virus.

Councilmember Aderhold said she's looking forward to the upcoming City Manager interviews and seeing what comes out of it. She attended the Planning Commissions neighborhood meeting on the proposed medical district and appreciated how well they ran the meeting and hearing from people in the proposed area. She shared regarding the recent community gathering by the friends of Duffy Murnane and appreciates they are keeping her in front of us, and the opportunity to discuss what her disappearance means for us as a community. She commented about the vibrancy of our community and the variety of things to do, and participating in the Drawdown Community meeting.

Councilmember Hansen-Cavasos commented about the water treatment plant tour, it was very information and she appreciated it.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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Mayor Pro Tempore Lord adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.