

Session 20-08 a Special Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on February 25, 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, EVENSEN, HANSEN-CAVASOS, LORD, SMITH, VENUTI

**ABSENT:** MAYOR CASTNER (excused)

**STAFF:** CITY MANAGER KOESTER  
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN

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

VENUTI/ADERHOLD MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA** (3 minute time limit)

**PENDING BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. 4:00pm - Council Interview #1 - Adam Hammatt
- b. 5:30pm - Council Interview #2 - Michael Bork

Interviews were held with Adam Hammatt and Michael Bork

**COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE** (3 minute time limit)

Mary Griswold, city resident, said she appreciates that Council will be amending the agenda tomorrow to hear audience comments before going into executive session. She asked that after executive session they return to the table to have discussion and vote on their selection for City Manager. They can hold discussion without inflammatory or derogatory remarks about an applicant and if an applicant is selected they can highlight pertinent qualifications that set

him about the others and offer constructive reasons why others weren't selected. It's important to make the decision in public and recorded in the minutes.

Larry Slone, city resident, shared his impression of the candidates. He felt Mr. Hammatt was an effective and focused communicator, who did his homework and was prepared, who listened and responded to questions explicitly, who seemed active and open minded. The Whitefish situation is a negative and hopefully Council can get clarification about it. He found Mr. Bork's personality to be a bit more defuse and his happy laughter concept can have value, but not as a primary management technique. He found it too obscure for him to be comfortable with. He also has limited practical experience applicable at the City Manager level. He would be a wonderful cultural leader, but that's not what we're looking for.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Pro Tem Lord adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., Worksession 4:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. Special Meeting February 26, 2020 at 4:00 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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Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk

Adjourn:\_\_\_\_\_