

Session 20-10 a Special Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on March 9, 2020 by Mayor Ken Castner at 3:30 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

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)

LORD/SMITH 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. Memorandum 20-034, from City Clerk, Request for Executive Session Pursuant to AS44.62.310 (A-C)(1&5) Matters, the Immediate Knowledge of Which Would Clearly Have an Adverse Effect Upon the Finances of the Government Unit and Attorney/Client Privilege/Potential Litigation. (Baycrest Subdivision).

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED THAT COUNCIL ADJOURNS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO AS 44.62.310(A-C)(1&5) MATTERS, THE IMMEDIATE KNOWLEDGE OF WHICH WOULD CLEARLY HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT UPON THE FINANCES OF THE GOVERNMENT UNIT AND ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE/POTENTIAL LITIGATION IN REGARDS TO THE BAYCREST SUBDIVISION.

Mayor Castner noted for the record that City Manager Koester would attend and City Attorney Gatti would participate telephonically.

VOTE: YES: VENUTI, SMITH, ADERHOLD, LORD, EVENSEN, HANSEN-CAVASOS

Motion carried.

Council adjourned into executive session at 3:32. Mayor Caster reconvened the meeting at at 3:53 p.m.

Councilmember Lord reported Council met in executive session to discuss potential litigation from the residents of Baycrest Subdivision and a matter of which could clearly have an adverse impact on the finances of the City. The City empathizes with the situation the Baycrest residents are in and is continuing to review the background related to this issue.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Scott Adams, city resident, commented the Council needs to take action because he knows they have information pertaining to some of the work done in the area, whether by utilities companies, the City or the State. They need to find out who's at fault and everyone needs to stop pointing the finger at everyone else. The people who are affected aren't getting information, and action means more than words.

Larry Slone, city resident, requested they provide more background information regarding the topics of their executive sessions.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, March 23, 2020 at 6:00 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

Approved: _____