

Session 20-27 a Special Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on September 14, 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, HANSEN-CAVASOS, LORD, SMITH, VENUTI

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER EVENSEN (excused)

STAFF: CITY MANAGER DUMOUCHEL
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN

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

The following change was made: Memorandum 20-133 from City Clerk Re: Request for Executive Session Pursuant to AS 44.62.310(C)(1) Matters, the Immediate Knowledge of which would Clearly have an Adverse Effect upon the Finances of the Government Unit and Attorney/Client Privilege. (Airport Lease Termination)

Confirmation from lessee's to forego an executive session and documentation regarding lease termination.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

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

Amanda Moran, lessee, commented regarding the challenges incurred by her business due to COVID-19 and the RAVN bankruptcy, and her and her business partner's efforts to using CARES Act funding they received toward their lease obligations, although it wasn't enough to keep them current on their lease.

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum 20-133 from City Clerk Re: Request for Executive Session Pursuant to AS 44.62.310(C)(1) Matters, the Immediate Knowledge of which would Clearly have an

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Privilege. (Airport Lease Termination)

Mayor Castner noted the lessees have given consent to discuss their lease termination in a public meeting.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO FOREGO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND DISCUSS THE AIRPORT LEASE TERMINATION IN THE PUBLIC MEETING.

City Manager Dumouchel reviewed the request from the lessees for early termination and his recommendation to approve that request as well as refunding their security deposit, minus any cost for damages, and forgive the remaining balance due the City. Given the circumstances with COVID-19 and the cessation of flights due to RAVN's bankruptcy, he feels it's a reasonable solution for the City and the airport tenant.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR EARLY LEASE TERMINATION FOR THE FLYING WHALE.

Councilmember Aderhold commented in support of the motion. She appreciates the tenants' efforts of using the CARES Act grant funding in an effort to make payment to the City, and giving the circumstances of the pandemic and the airport closure it's appropriate in this instance.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, September 28, 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: _____