



Homer City Hall

491 E. Pioneer Avenue

Homer, Alaska 99603

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City of Homer Action Agenda

Special Meeting

Committee of the Whole

Regular Meeting

Monday, February 08, 2021 at 6:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

Session 21-03 a Special Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on February 8, 2021 by Mayor Ken Castner at 4:00 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: COUNCILMEMBER ADERHOLD, EVENSEN, HANSEN-CAVASOS, LORD, SMITH, VENUTI

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)

APPROVED without discussion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum 21-022 from City Clerk re: Request for Executive Session Pursuant to AS 44.62.310 (C)(1 & 3) Matters, the Immediate Knowledge of Which would Clearly have an Adverse Effect upon the Finances of the Government Unit, Pending Litigation, and Attorney/Client Privilege. (VanZant et al vs City of Homer 3HO-20-00251 CI)

City Attorney Gatti and Attorney Bowman from JDO will attend, along with Co-Council Jim Wilkins appointed by AMLJIA will participate in the Executive Session.

APPROVED without discussion.

Council adjourned into executive session at 4:03 and Mayor Castner called the meeting back to order at 4:58 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Lord reported that Council met with the Attorneys to discuss VanZant et al vs City of Homer and gave direction to proceed in accordance with the pretrial order.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

ADJOURNMENT NO LATER THAN 4:50 P.M.

There being no further business to come before Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, February 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held via Zoom Webinar in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER 5:00 P.M.

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

APPROVED without discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting is Monday, February 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held via Zoom Webinar in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Session 21-04 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on February 8, 2021 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: COUNCILMEMBER ADERHOLD, EVENSEN, HANSEN-CAVASOS, LORD, SMITH, VENUTI

STAFF: CITY MANAGER DUMOUCHEL
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN
SPECIAL PROJECTS & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR CARROLL
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEISER
FINANCE DIRECTOR WALTON
CITY ATTORNEY GATTI
PORT DIRECTOR/HARBORMASTER HAWKINS
LIBRARY DIRECTOR BERRY
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR BROWNING

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: **CONSENT AGENDA** Ordinance 21-06 An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2021 Capital Budget and Authorizing Expenditure of \$142,800 from Public Works Fleet CARMA Account and \$272,200 from HART Road Fund to Purchase a Replacement Grader with Snow Gate and Snow Blade and Two replacement Sanding Trucks. City Manager/Public Works Director. HART Fund Pie Charts depicting appropriations and expenditures as backup **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS** Planning Commission Written Report

APPROVED without discussion.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

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 for January 25, 2021. Recommend adoption.
- b. Memorandum 21-025 from City Manager re: Approval of Letter to Governor Dunleavy Expressing the Critical Importance of the Alaska Marine Highway System to the Coastal Communities of Alaska. Recommend approval.
- c. Ordinance 21-06, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2021 Capital Budget and Authorizing Expenditure of \$142,800 from the Public Works Fleet CARMA Account and \$272,200 from the HART Road Fund to Purchase a Replacement Grader with Snow Gate and Snow Blade and Two Replacement Sanding Trucks. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction February 8, 2021, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 22, 2021.

Memorandum 21-023 from Public Works Director as backup.

- d. Ordinance 21-07, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2021 Operating Budget by Appropriating Funds in the Amount of \$98,700 from the Port Reserves Fund for the Purpose of Haul out and Disposal of the Derelict Vessel *North Pacific* in preparation for Safe Disposal. City Manager/Port Director. Introduction February 8, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading February 22, 2021.

Memorandum 21-024 from Port Director as backup.

- e. Resolution 21-015, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Acknowledging the January 2021 Surplus Equipment Sale Results. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.

ADOPTED with recommendations without discussion.

VISITORS

- a. Unified Command Report (20 Minutes)

Public Health Nurse Lorne Carroll, South Peninsula Hospital PIO Derotha Ferraro, and City of Homer PIO Jenny Carroll reported.

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

- a. Special Meeting Report

Councilmember Lord reported that Council met with the Attorneys in executive session to discuss VanZant et al vs City of Homer and gave direction to proceed in accordance with pretrial order.

- b. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Lord reported Committee of the Whole was only 6 minutes and adjourned after brief discussion of the budget calendar.

- c. Mayor's Report

Mayor Castner reported.

- d. Borough Report

Mayor Castner reported on behalf of Assembly Member Chesley.

- e. Library Advisory Board

Library Advisory Board Chair Kuszmaul reported.

- f. Planning Commission

Planning Commission Chair Smith provided a written report for the packet.

- g. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

Port and Harbor Advisory Commissioner Mike Stockburger reported.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Ordinance 21-04, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY21 Capital Budget and Authorizing the Expenditure of an Additional \$19,700 for the Airport and Library Security Camera Replacement Project. City Manager. Introduction January 25, 2021, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 8, 2021.

Memorandum 21-017 from Library Director as backup.

There was no public testimony.

ADOPTED without discussion.

- b. Ordinance 21-05, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY21 Capital Budget and Authorizing an Expenditure in an Amount up to \$79,000 for Payment of the Water and Sewer Assessments for Lot 4, Hodnik Subdivision KPB Parcel No. 17936032 when Property Ownership Transfers to Kachemak Bay Moose Habitat, Inc and a Deed Restriction has been Recorded Regarding Conservation and Public Access on the Property. City Manager. Introduction January 25, 2021, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 8, 2021.

One person gave public testimony.

ADOPTED with discussion.

ORDINANCE(S)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Dumouchel addressed the City of Homer COVID Risk status update from Red to Orange for city facilities and staff.

Council comment on items in his report specific to ongoing slash burning and its ongoing impacts to the air quality for residents, Public Work's quick response to recent the Lucky Shot water main break and erosion in a ditch on Ben Walters, and the remote sales tax update.

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum 21-026 from Finance Director re: FY22/23 Proposed Budget Schedule.

APPROVED with discussion.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 21-014, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding a Contract to Sherman Technologies, LLC, of Wasilla, Alaska, In the Amount of \$76,100.00 for Upgrades to the Video Security Systems at the Homer Public Library and Homer Airport and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk.

Memorandum 21-027 from Library Director as backup.

APPROVED without discussion.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

One person commented.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Gatti had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Jacobsen commented regarding an opening on the Library Advisory Board and for the Economic Development Advisory Commission Student Representative.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dumouchel commented regarding the opening for the Assistant to the City Manager position and encouraged interested parties apply.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Castner thanked Councilmember Aderhold for penning the letter to the Governor regarding the ferry system that was approved on the Consent Agenda.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Hansen-Cavasos wished everyone a great week.

Councilmember Lord thanked the Kachemak Nordic Ski Club for their efforts in keeping the trails groomed and a successful COVID safe Junior Nordic Program. She encouraged citizens to stay engaged, Mayor and Council contacts are available on the City website, and she noted the City Manager's report is a great place to find information on what's happening in the City.

Councilmember Aderhold also encouraged citizen input, it's an important piece of the process. She share that the past weekend's weather was stunning and it was great to get out to bike and see all the skaters on the lake. She's happy that the daylight is returning.

Councilmember Smith concurred on the importance of public input and that he's available for open and constructive dialog.

Councilmember Venuti thanked residents who spent time on retail therapy, shoppers who pay sales tax and businesses who collect and remit it, and to online shoppers. She was happy to see the sales tax information in the Manager's report and appreciated the Mayor's comment about the service fee to the City from AML. She noted several celebrations happening in February like President's Day and Love your Pet Day. She also encouraged citizens to contact Councilmember.

Councilmember Evensen wished everyone a great evening.

ADJOURNMENT

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Note time: 7:33