

Session 24-06 a Special Meeting of the City Council of Homer, Alaska was called to order on March 14, 2024 by Mayor 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: COUNCILMEMBERS ADERHOLD, DAVIS, ERICKSON, HANSEN, LORD, VENUTI

STAFF: CITY MANAGER DUMOUCHEL
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR BROWNING
SPECIAL PROJECTS & COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR CARROLL

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

LORD/VENUTI 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)

Scott Adams, city resident, commented in his observations over the last three and half years, the Council hired an unqualified person as City Manager. He noted reasons related to closing off city hall offices to the public beyond COVID, short staffing in Planning, redirecting camping and airport responsibilities to the Harbor, and the absence of the American Flag at the Harbor.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Ordinance 24-16, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY24 Capital Budget by Accepting and Appropriating a Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act Grant from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in the Amount of \$41,950 for Phase I of the Fish Grinding Building Replacement Project. City Manager/Port Director. Recommended dates Introduction February 26, 2024, Public Hearing and Second Reading March 11, 2024 Postponed to March 14, 2024.

Memorandum CC-24-051 from Port Director as backup.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 24-16 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Council Member Lord expressed her appreciation and excitement about this project.

Council Member Aderhold supports this project and is please we're getting Dingell-Johnson funds to do this. She shared her frustration that Fish and Game won't allow for Dingell-Johnson to be used for ADA ramp improvements at the Fishing Hole.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum CC-24-063 Request for Executive Session Pursuant to AS 44.62.310 (A-C)(2) Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion (City Manager Dumouchel's Annual Performance Evaluation)

Mayor Castner announced the topic and asked to include A-C 1, matters that may have an adverse effect on the finances, related to contract matters.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO AS 44.62.310 (A-C)(1 AND 2) MATTERS THAT WOULD CLEARLY HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT UPON THE FINANCES AND SUBJECTS THAT TEND TO PREJUDICE THE REPUTATION AND CHARACTER OF ANY PERSON, PROVIDED THE PERSON MAY REQUEST A PUBLIC DISCUSSION (CITY MANAGER DUMOUCHEL'S ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION)

City Manager Dumouchel confirmed he is not requesting a public discussion.

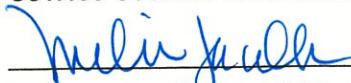
VOTE: YES: HANSEN, VENUTI, LORD, DAVIS, ADERHOLD, ERICKSON

Council recessed in to executive session at 4:13 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. and Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. Work Session at 3:00 p.m. All meetings are 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: March 26, 2024