

Session 24-15 a Special Meeting of the City Council of Homer, Alaska was called to order on July 1, 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 ERICKSON, DAVIS, ADERHOLD, VENUTI, LORD, HANSEN

STAFF: ACTING CITY CLERK KRAUSE
CITY ATTORNEY GATTI
FINANCE DIRECTOR FISCHER
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR BROWNING
PORT DIRECTOR HAWKINS
RECREATION MANAGER ILLG
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ENGBRETSSEN
SPECIAL PROJECTS & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR CARROLL
CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER JIRSA
FIRE CHIEF KIRKO
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KORT

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

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

Larry Slone, city resident, commented on a Candidate Robertson expressing that he did not feel that he was a good fit for Homer.

Kevin Co, city resident and city employee and a member of the employee committee expressed concerns on the proposed changes to the Personnel Regulations and noted that it was not presented to the Employee Committee and major changes are supposed to be vetted by the Committee. He encouraged Council to postpone and refer it to the Employee Committee for review and recommendation.

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. Resolution 24-075, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Sign a Landlord Letter of Consent for the South Peninsula Hospital as Part of their Application for the Health Resources and Services Administration Congressionally Directed Spending Funding Opportunity. City Manager.

Memorandum CC-24-139 from Interim City Manager as backup.

Mayor Castner requested changes to the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Aderhold requested Resolutions 24-075 and 24-076 be moved to the Regular Agenda under Resolutions item a and b.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. 4:00 p.m. Zoom Interview with Randy Robertson

Mayor Castner provided a review of the process and requested Candidate Robertson to introduce himself.

A brief recess was called due to a technology issue with the speakers/volume.

Mr. Robertson provided a brief background for the Council and public attending the meeting.

Mayor Castner then facilitated the interview by acknowledging each member of Council, who took turns, asked a total of 11 questions of Mr. Robertson.

Mayor Castner thanked Mr. Robertson for his time and the Clerk removed Mr. Robertson to the Zoom waiting room.

- b. 5:00 p.m. Zoom Interview with Jefferson Dubel

Mayor Castner called for a recess at 4:55 p.m. He called the meeting back to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed Candidate Dubel, providing him with a review of the process and asked Mr. Dubel to introduce himself.

Mr. Dubel provided a brief background for the Council and public attending the meeting.

Mayor Castner then facilitated the interview by acknowledging each member of Council, who took turns, asked a total of 11 questions of Mr. Dubel.

Mayor Castner thanked Mr. Dubel for his time and Mr. Dubel signed off from the meeting.

PENDING BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance 24-28, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY24 Capital Budget by Accepting and Appropriating the FY24 State of Alaska Community Assistance Program Payment in the Amount of \$146,261.39 for the City Hall Elevator Re-certification. City Manager. Intro June 10, 2024 Public Hearing and 2nd Reading June 17, 2024 Postponed to July 2, 2024

Memorandum CC-24-141 from Public Works Director as backup.

Mayor Castner requested a motion.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 24-28 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Discussion included the specifics on what the funding requested actually covered a rebuild of the elevator in order to have it recertified to meet the required standards.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 24-075, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Sign a Landlord Letter of Consent for the South Peninsula Hospital as Part of their Application for the Health Resources and Services Administration Congressionally Directed Spending Funding Opportunity. City Manager.

Memorandum CC-24-139 from Interim City Manager as backup.

Resolution 24-075(S) A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the **Mayor** to Sign a Landlord Letter of Consent for the South Peninsula Hospital as Part of their Application for the Health Resources and Services Administration Congressionally Directed Spending Funding Opportunity. ~~City Manager.~~ **Mayor**

Mayor Castner requester a motion.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 24-075 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 24-075(S) BY READING OF TITLE ONLY

There was brief discussion on the substitute changing the City Manager to the Mayor since the City Manager currently sits on the Board and the perception that may be had with her signing the documents.

VOTE.(Substitute) NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- b. Resolution 24-076, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending City of Homer Personnel Regulations, Chapter 10, Discipline - Causes and Actions and Chapter 11, Communication, Grievance and Appeal Procedures to Delegate Authority for Personnel Appeals to the State of Alaska Office of Administrative Hearings. City Manager/HR Director.

Memorandum CC-24-140 from HR Director as backup.

VENUTI/LORD MOVED TO POSTPONE TO THE FIRST MEETING IN AUGUST TO ALLOW THE EMPLOYEE COMMITTEE TIME FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT.

Discussion included points that it was a very important subject and that the Employee Committee did not have a chance to review the proposed amendments.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Larry Slone, city resident, expressed his opinions on the candidates and noted the pros and cons for each candidate.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Castner expressed his appreciation for the Councils work and the attendance by the Committee members.

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council member Lord had no comments.

Council member Venuti thanked everyone and wished them a Happy Fourth of July, the Parade starts at 3:00 p.m. and the recent showing of Hamlet and services available to students.

ADJOURNMENT

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 Monday, July 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. A Special Meeting on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. All meetings are scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom webinar.

Renee Krause
Renee Krause, MMC, Acting City Clerk

Approved: July 22, 2024