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Memorandum 20-064

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL
FROM: MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK
DATE: MAY 20, 2020
SUBJECT: ORDINANCE 20-21(S) SUMMARY OF CHANGES AND SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

Line 61 changed to clarify definition of Teleconferencing.

Lines 109, 141, and 172 language added to address teleconferencing by all members while an emergency disaster declaration is in place.

Line 160 language added to allow for shorter notice of teleconferencing for good cause shown.

For housekeeping purposes the term “telephone” or “telephonic” is changed to “teleconference” or “by teleconference” throughout, to stay consistent with the definition on line 61.

Beginning on line 78, it’s been amended to read that the council only has to vote when an exception has been requested, those exceptions being teleconferencing beyond the three allowed and giving notification as late as the day of the meeting. If a member has given proper notice and is within the allowed three, it seems that Council shouldn’t have to vote to permit those.

The verbiage on line 90 is moved to line to 119, because it seems to fit better there and should apply in any instance of teleconferencing.

Regarding additional amendments, in discussion during City Attorney review of the amendments there was discussion that;

- It wouldn’t be appropriate to deny a member the opportunity to have their vote not counted and of lines 144-148 being removed, or at a minimum line 148 be amended to change absent to excused.
- When Mayor is participating by teleconference they should still have the ability to preside over the meeting.

It was requested that I add those changes, but felt it goes beyond the discussion during introduction and with the sponsors of the substitute, so I felt it is appropriate for Council to propose the amendments and discuss them at the table.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Ordinance 20-21(S) with any additional amendments passed by motion.