

Session 21-22 a Special Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on August 30, 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:** COUNCILMEMBERS ADERHOLD, DAVIS, 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)

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Council.

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

**PENDING BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Lobbyist Update with Christine Hess and Reggie Joule

Lobbyists Christine Hess and Reggie Joule reported today they visited the harbor and the ice house, the HERC building, and Kachemak Drive. It's helped them get a better understanding of the projects they're advocating for on behalf of the City. They noted the report provided in the packet that provides an overview of their advocacy for the City of Homer and noted one thing that was accomplished in the Capital is that the port expansion project has a lot more visibility and understanding from a broader base of representatives. They targeted high profile people as listed in their report. They leaned more on the senate than the house since the senate has more senior staff, and Homer's Senator is in good position as Senate Rules Chair.

In response to questions they shared thoughts regarding future funding for the port expansion and community center, noting funding for larger projects generally take longer and come in parts. When they spoke to Senators Murkowski and Sullivan, the Senators were aware of the port project and it was good to have discussion about where we are with it currently. As noted in their update they're cautiously hopeful for funding for the ACOE GIS Study. Most of their advocacy has been toward the port, but they did bring up the community building. They'll need to push harder for the community building in the coming year for the design funds, and the City will need to have a more complete idea of how they want that building to look and what it's going to do. If the trillion dollar package passes, that will be the window to address it. They expressed their appreciation to City Manager Dumouchel, Port Director Hawkins, and Special Projects and Communications Coordinator Carroll for all their assistance with requests this year and helping them with getting things turned in quickly.

They don't have anything to report regarding the Coast Guard presence in Homer. The Commandant had scheduled a trip to Homer, but that was postponed, so they'll keep pushing for that so the Coast Guard and the City can have that dialogue. They also addressed challenges in the current legislature and with decisions regarding the dividend.

- b. Memorandum 21-150 from City Clerk Re: 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 Annual Performance Evaluation)

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECESS INTO LORD/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 FOR CITY MANAGER DUMOUCHEL ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES; VENUTI, SMITH, ADERHOLD, LORD, DAVIS, HANSEN-CAVASOS

Motion carried.

Council recessed into executive session at 4:30 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Lord reported Council met in executive session to conduct the City Manager's evaluation.

**COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Gatti was not in attendance.

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Jacobsen had no comments.

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Dumouchel thanked Council for their discussion.

**COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Castner commented he was impressed with the lobbyists report and thinks they've done a good job. He was concerned initially because he wasn't sure how getting grouped in with other clients would work for the City but they did a good job keeping us apprised of what was happening. He wished Councilmember Lord happy birthday.

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Lord expressed her appreciation for being able to participate remotely, despite the technological challenges.

Venuti also appreciates being able participate by Zoom and everyone there was masked. She said she's interested in having quarterly reports from the lobbyists at their meetings, and wished Councilmember Lord happy birthday.

Councilmember Hansen-Cavasos had no comments.

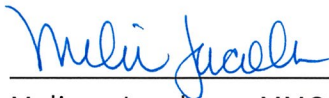
Councilmember Smith had no comments

Councilmember Aderhold noted it's interesting that half of Council has August birthdays. She wished Councilmember Lord happy birthday.

Councilmember Davis wished Councilmember Lord happy birthday.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m. Next Regular Meeting is Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., Worksession 4:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. and a Worksession September 9, 2021 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: September 13, 2021

Session 21-23 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on September 13, 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:** COUNCILMEMBERS ADERHOLD, DAVIS, LORD, SMITH, VENUTI

**ABSENT:** COUNCILMEMBER HANSEN CAVASOS (EXCUSED)

**STAFF:** CITY MANAGER DUMOUCHEL  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK KRAUSE  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK TUSSEY  
PORT DIRECTOR HAWKINS  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEISER  
CITY PLANNER ABBOUD  
DEPUTY CITY PLANNER ENGBRETSSEN  
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR BROWNING  
FINANCE DIRECTOR WALTON  
LIBRARY DIRECTOR BERRY  
RECREATION MANAGER ILLG  
SPECIAL PROJECTS & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR CARROLL  
IT MANAGER POOLOS  
COMPTROLLER DELUMEAU

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Mayor Castner noted the supplemental packet item **NEW BUSINESS** Memorandum 21-153 from City Clerk re: Motions filed by Appellant Frank Griswold related to the Appeal of CUP20-15 and Zoning Permit 1020-782 Public comment received.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

### **MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA**

Janie Leask, city resident, commented in support of Ordinance 21-58 and Resolution 21-059 in regards to having a Multi-use facility noting the value of having a community recreation facility to provide social connectedness, and the past work that was conducted on a community recreation