

Session 21-10, a Special Meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Scott Smith at 5:30 p.m. on April 15, 2021 at Cowles Council Chambers in City Hall located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska, via Zoom Webinar.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS BARNWELL, CONLEY, HIGHLAND, SMITH, VENUTI

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS BENTZ (EXCUSED)

STAFF: CITY CLERK JACOBSEN

AGENDA APPROVAL

HIGHLAND/VENUTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Memorandum from City Clerk Re: Appellant Motion for the Disqualification and Termination of Chair Smith from further participation in the appeal of Zoning Permit 1020-782 and of his seat on the Planning Commission.

Chair Smith passed the gavel to senior member Highland to serve as Acting Chair.

Acting Chair Highland explained that the commission would be taking up separately the two matters raised in the motion that was filed regarding Chair Smith. The disqualification will be addresses first, then the termination. She further explained Mr. Griswold and Attorney Holmquist would be given three minutes each to comment regarding the motion. She opened the floor to Mr. Griswold.

Frank Griswold, appellant, read from the motion he filed that was included in the packet to state the reasoning for disqualifying and terminating Chair Smith.

Attorney Holmquist, representing the City as appellee, rebutted that the reasoning provided doesn't warrant disqualification from participation and City Code outlines that the Commission does not have the authority to terminate a Commissioner, only Council has that authority.

Acting Chair Highland opened the floor for a motion and discussion regarding the disqualification of Chair Smith.

VENUTI MOVED TO DISQUALIFY CHAIR SMITH FROM FURTHER PARTICIPATION IN THE PENDING APPEAL.

Motion failed with lack of a second.

Acting Chair Highland opened the floor for a motion and discussion regarding the termination of Chair Smith's appointment.

VENUTI MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT CHAIR SMITH'S APPOINTMENT BE TERMINATED.

Motion failed with lack of a second.

Chair Smith resumed the gavel.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE (3 minute time limit)

ADJOURN

VENUTI/HIGHLAND MOVED TO ADJOURN AND DELIBERATE IN PRIVATE.

There was brief discussion confirming their desire to deliberate despite the absence of Commissioner Bentz.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Commission Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. and a Worksession at 5:30 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: June 16, 2021