

- a. Ordinance 19-47(S-2), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Repealing Homer City Code 2.76 Economic Development Advisory Commission, Requiring Economic Finding to Accompany Recommendations from City Commission, Establishing an Official Mayoral Appointment to the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District Board of Directors City of Homer Seat and ~~Encouraging Appointment of Task Forces to Address Timely Community Issues~~ **Creating an Annual Process for the City to Review and take Action on Prioritized Economic Development Issues**, and Amending Homer City Code 2.58.020 Creation of City Boards and Commissions to Delete (e) Economic Development Advisory Commission. Lord/**Venuti**. Introduction February 10, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading February 24, 2020

Memorandum 20-033 from Councilmember Lord as backup

Mayor Pro Tem Lord opened the public hearing.

Karin Marks, city resident and Economic Development (EDC) Advisory Chair, commented on her own behalf that she's proud of the Commissions work and believes there are structural flaws in the current process and believes there needs to be a place for the City to address broader economic topics. This ordinance is a compromise with disbanding the Commission and including an annual review of the Comprehensive Plan Economic Vitality chapter and an annual priority worksession. If the ordinance fails, then they must look to other ways to restructure the EDC.

There were no further comments and the public hearing was closed.

VENUTI/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 19-47(S-2) BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmember Evensen feels the EDC is unique in its flexibility to address economic development topics. He thinks the freedom they have is good and is hesitant to support the ordinance because he isn't sure if they have it right.

Councilmember Smith acknowledged the time and compromise that's gone into developing this ordinance, but thinks the Commission needs to be given the tools they need to succeed to see if it leads to a better product before being disbanded. In creating the annual process to review and take action on prioritized economic development issues, they'll give the commission very specific set of tasks to complete within the given year. If this restructuring doesn't work then he would be open to the notion of disbanding the group.

Councilmember Aderhold comment the concept that the ordinance has as written gives the guidance the EDC needs, and it wasn't in the original ordinance. She suggested postponing, giving the sponsors the opportunity to add the proposed amendments from Memorandum 20-

033 and revise it such that it's giving the guidance to the EDC. If it still feels dysfunctional after that they can reassess.

Mayor Pro Tem Lord explained how economic development is a broad topic and the benefits of a task force type setting to address specific issues that need to be addressed, like with the HERC Task Force. She also addressed how there are times that the City should be a partner in areas where they aren't the prime mover, and the benefits of working with other groups like the Chamber of Commerce and KPEDD, outside of the commission and council where the groups aren't tied down with the restriction the City bodies have.

Councilmember Smith recognized there is a cost involved through staffing for the advisory bodies and that tooling this could create a better return on the investment in this group.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO POSTPONE TO THE NEXT MEETING SO THE SPONSORS CAN INCORPORATE THE DISCUSSION AT THE TABLE.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 20-08, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer city Code Chapter 5.42 Single Use Plastic Carryout Bags, Section 5.42.020 Definitions to Remove Bags made of any Material labeled as Biodegradable as an Exception and Define Compostable. Venuti. Introduction February 10, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 24, 2020.

Mayor Pro Tem Lord opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

EVENSEN/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20-08 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

SMITH/EVENSEN MOVED TO AMEND LINES 69 AND 70 TO READ: "COMPOSTABLE" MEANS A BAG THAT MEETS **EITHER** THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TESTING MATERIALS (ASTM) D6400, **EUROPEAN STANDARD EN13432, OR AUSTRALIAN STANDARD AS4736:2006** FOR COMPOSTABLE PLASTICS.

Councilmember Smith noted we live in an international market and these all meet similar, if not the same, standards.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT