

Session 19-36 a Special Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on November 25, 2019 by Mayor Ken Castner at 4:30 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, EVENSEN, LORD, SMITH, VENUTI

ABSENT: HANSEN-CAVASOS (excused)

STAFF: CITY MANAGER KOESTER
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN

AGENDA APPROVAL (Only those matters on the noticed agenda may be considered, pursuant to City Council's Operating Manual, pg. 6)

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 (3 minute time limit)

Larry Slone, city resident, commented the City Attorney did a good job preparing the response to the temporary restraining order. In light of the situation of conflicting rules between city code and state statutes they did a good job in making the two harmonize. He's disappointed it turned out this way personally, but the Attorneys did an excellent job and it's an appropriate resolution of the scenario.

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum 19-165 from City Clerk Re: Request for Executive Session Pursuant to AS 44.62.310(A-C)(1&5) Matters, the Immediate Knowledge of which would Clearly have an Adverse Effect Upon the Finances of the Government Unit and Attorney/Client Privilege (Thomas Stroozas vs. City of Homer Lawsuit)

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO AS 44.62.310(A-C)(1&5) MATTERS, THE IMMEDIATE KNOWLEDGE OF WHICH WOULD CLEARLY HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT UPON THE FINANCES OF THE GOVERNMENT UNIT AND ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE (THOMAS STROOZAS VS. CITY OF HOMER LAWSUIT).

VOTE: YES: VENUTI, SMITH, ADERHOLD, LORD, EVENSEN

Motion carried.

Council adjourned into executive session at 4:39 p.m. and Mayor Castner reconvened the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

Councilmember Lord reported City Council met in executive session and City Attorney Gatti briefed the Council on Thomas Stroozas vs. City of Homer and received direction from Council.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

David Lewis, city resident, noted comments at a prior meeting the the hiring process for City Manager Koester was not an open process and commented that the hiring process was done in the open and it was above board.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, January 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Worksession at 4:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole 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: _____