EXCERPT
Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes
Homer City Council
March 10, 2025

h. Resolution 25-016, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Petitioning the Alaska State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to Issue Ten Additional Restaurant or Eating Place Licenses within the City of Homer as Authorized by Alaska Statute 04.11405. Davis/Venuti. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum CC-25-070 from Community Development Director as backup.

Mayor Lord opened the public hearing for Resolution 25-016 noting that they typically do not have resolutions for public hearing explaining that they were following the advice from the State Licensing Board to obtain additional public input.

Jim Anderson, city resident commented in support of Resolution 25-016 citing the benefits to business owners wanting to provide the services for the visitors and local community.

Lisa Nolan, owner of Fat Olives, commented in support of the additional licenses and what that would mean to the economy of the City and local businesses.

JD Nolan, born and raised and moving his family back to Homer commented in support of the additional licenses.

Mayor Lord closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

VENUTI/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-016 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmembers expressed appreciation for the public commenting on the topic and will be requesting this to be forwarded to their legislative representatives for support.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT. Motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Lisa Nolan expressed her appreciation and former concerns expressed on bringing more licenses to Homer and would be happy to meet or speak to anyone regarding the benefits that additional licenses would provide and that AMCO is not familiar with the Visitor and tourism industry in Homer.

William Roth, non-resident, expressed comments on the Denali grant breakdown and the importance to knowing the details of the project, then announced the Blessing of the Fleet event on May 21st and the event last year was super fun and they had approximately 300 people at the Seafarers Memorial, it would be nice to have that event publicized to bring people to Homer. He expressed support for the additional liquor licenses.