

Session 11-04 A Special Joint Meeting of the Lease Committee and the Economic Development Advisory Commission was called to order at 2:35 pm on May 17, 2011 by Chair Shelly Erickson at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMITTEEMEMBERS ERICKSON, HAWKINS, ABOUD, MAURAS,
ZIMMERMAN AND YAGER
COMMISSIONERS NEECE, SIMPSON AND FAULKNER

STAFF: CITY MANAGER WALT WREDE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TERRY FELDE
SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR ANN MARIE HOLEN
DEPUTY CITY CLERK I RENEE KRAUSE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Erickson requested a motion to approve the agenda.

MAURAS/ABOUD – MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA *(3 Minute Time Limit)*

Mr. Brad Faulkner stated he would like to observe the proceedings but was not aware that it was not open to the public. Chair Erickson confirmed that the review of proposal received would be conducted in executive session due to confidential information submitted by the proposers. It was assumed that he was still a member on the Board at Fireweed and that was a direct conflict of interest so the information was not sent to him regarding this meeting. Mr. Faulkner stated that he had no knowledge of any proposal that has been submitted by Fireweed Academy and his only knowledge or contact was notifying the head of the facility there was a RFP out there and she stated they already had it. He confirmed that he has always been a strong supporter of charter schools but has since served his three years and fulfilled his promises made to the academy and has not been a member of the board for approximately six to eight months. He has no knowledge of the contents of the proposal from Fireweed or really if they submitted one.

Mr. Abboud asked if it has been determined that Mr. Faulkner was a party to the meeting. Chair Erickson confirmed that Mr. Faulkner was a current member of the Economic Development Advisory Commission (EDC).

ABBOUD/NEECE – MOVED THAT BRAD FAULKNER HAD A CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

The group discussed the possible conflict of interest that Mr. Faulkner had by being a member of the Board of Fireweed Academy. Mr. Faulkner clarified that he has not been a member on the Board for the previous six to eight months. He stated that he knew no details, contents or even if Fireweed Academy submitted a proposal. He was aware that a meeting was being held between the Lease Committee and the EDC but did not have any additional information or even a packet. He did state that he was and still is a strong supporter for charter schools and will continue to support them. He did not believe he would serve again in the future as he believes he did his penance and served a three year term when his child attended the academy. He confirmed he could view and make a recommendation on any of the proposals submitted with no bias and complete impartiality.

VOTE. NO. NEECE, ZIMMERMAN, ABOUD, MAURAS, ERICKSON, SIMPSON, YAGER, HAWKINS.

Accommodations were made immediately for Commissioner Faulkner to join the group at the table and a packet of information was given for his quick review.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Memorandum From Deputy City Clerk Re: Request for Executive Session Pursuant to AS §44.62.310(C) (3), Matters, which by Law, Municipal Charter, or Ordinances are Required to be Confidential. (Request for Proposals to Lease Space in the Homer Education Recreation Center)

Chair Erickson stated she would entertain a motion that the committee retire to executive session to review and discuss the proposals.

ABBOUD/NEECE - MOVED TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

There was a brief discussion on the purpose of meeting in executive session.

VOTE. YES. HAWKINS, YAGER, SIMPSON, ERICKSON, MAURAS, ABBOUD, NEECE, FAULKNER

Motion carried.

The committee adjourned to executive session at 2:53 p.m.

The committee reconvened at 3:53 p.m. Chair Erickson stated that the Committee has completed its executive session and that they were back on the record. She requested a statement from a committee member as to the outcome of their executive session.

Mr. Yager moved the committee recommended that the City Manager meets with the Fireweed Academy to address the items discussed during the executive session and to look into the prospect of returning the building back to the Borough.

Mr. Faulkner suggested alternative language recommending the City Manager meet with both proposers to assist in fleshing out their proposers and to meet with the Borough to discuss a possible return of the building to the borough.

The Clerk stated that a motion was not required a statement of recommendation or no recommendation was needed.

Chair Erickson clarified for better understanding stated that the committee would like the City Manager to meet with both the proposers and flesh out their proposals and then meet with the Borough to see what needs to be done to take back the school. She confirmed that the committee is not recommending an award at this time. The committee agreed with her statement.

Mr. Yager rescinded his motion due to the new information that it was not required. Mr. Neece removed his second.

There was no further discussion.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

There were no informational materials.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There was no audience present.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

There were no comments from Staff.

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER *(If one is appointed)*

There were no councilmembers present.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Erickson thanked everyone for putting in the time and meeting together on this matter.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no committee member comments.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Simpson and Neece had no comments.

Commissioner Faulkner stated that he is known as a big supporter for charter schools and he is also a big supporter of Fireweed and the Boys and Girls Club and he would like to see something worked out to have both entities in the building at no cost to the City. He is hoping everything can be worked out to the best.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Lease Committee Chair Erickson adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m. The next regular Lease Committee meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. July 14, 2011 and the next regular Economic Development Advisory Commission meeting is June 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Cowles Council Chambers, 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

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