

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2011 @ 7:30 PM
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor David Reggiani called the Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 pm on January 5, 2011, in the Library Meeting Room.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Corrine Erickson led the audience in an Invocation.
Vice Mayor Reggiani led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Present for roll call were *Vice Mayor David Reggiani*, Council members *Keith van den Broek*, *Jim Kacsh*, *David Allison*, *Bret Bradford*, *EJ Cheshier* and *Robert Beedle*. *Mayor James Kallander* was absent. Also present were City Manager *Mark Lynch*, Deputy City Clerk *Erika Empey*, Deputy City Clerk *Robyn Kincaid* and Student Council representative *Jessica Smyke*.

D. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

M/Cheshier S/Kacsh to approve the Regular Agenda.
Add Chief Baty to the Staff reports as #16d.
Vote on motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

E. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - None

F. COMMUNICATIONS BY AND PETITIONS FROM VISITORS

1. Guest Speakers -None

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items

Mary Anne Bishop, 406 Fourth Ave, President of the Prince William Sound Audubon Society, presented Council with a hand out used to illustrate a plan for a different fee schedule for the Harbor regarding boat storage' focusing on discouraging derelict boats from remaining in the harbor. The Society requested that Council not approve Resolution 01-11-02 and adopt a different fee schedule for boat storage that would discourage the accumulation of derelict boats around the boat dock.

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

a. Student Council Representative *Jessica Smyke* reported to Council that there are Basketball games this weekend and home games next weekend. The student Council is trying to get a Ski Hill day approved. The school is participating in a suicide prevention contest. Registration for the April AASG meetings started. Student Council will have someone speak at the Mt. Eccles grand opening. Planning for homecoming is underway. *Allison* inquired if the Student Council had discussed the new ASA region classification that has recently been passed. *Smyke* stated they had not. *Allison* stated that the School Board has been discussing it and it would be good if the students and administration could work together to weigh in on the issue.

G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Mayor Reggiani stated that the consent calendar was before Council.
Called out #5,#6, and #8 and moved to Agenda item #24 a, b and c.

4. Record unexcused absence for Council member David Allison from the 12-15-10 regular meeting.

~~5. Resolution 01-11-01~~

~~A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing creation of the E-911 RFP review Committee.~~

~~6. Resolution 01-11-02~~

~~A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, adopting service fees, rates, and charges for the 2011 calendar budget.~~

7. Resolution 01-11-03

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing amendment to the 2011 budget and re-appropriation for the Capital Projects and Grand Administration Fund #401, for the installation of a boiler at the Bidarki Recreation Center, in the amount of \$27,834.

~~8. Resolution 01-11-04~~

~~A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing creation of a Public Service Building Design Committee to advise Council on a building and site plan for a new Public Service Building.~~

M/Kacsh S/Reggiani to approve the Consent Calendar.

Vote on Consent Calendar: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Cheshier – yes; Reggiani – yes; Beedle – yes; van den Broek – yes; Kacsh – yes; Allison – yes and Bradford – yes. Consent Calendar was approved.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Kacsh S/van den Broek to approve the minutes.

9. Minutes of 11-08-10 Council Budget Work Session
10. Minutes of 12-01-10 Council Public Hearing
11. Minutes of 12-01-10 Regular Council Meeting
12. Minutes of 12-03-10 Special Council Meeting

Allison corrected the 12-03-10 Special Council Meeting minutes, which stated he was present via teleconference when he was in fact present.

Vote on motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

I. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS - None

J. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

13. Mayor's Report-written report

14. Manager's Report – written report in the packet

Mark Lynch reported to Council that the Lt. Governor will be in town for the grand opening of Mt. Eccles Elementary January 25th. Also, that the spring session of AML is February 8-10 if any of the Council members are interested in attending. *Kacsh* stated he is co-chair on a committee so must attend. *Lynch* stated he would check with *Kallander* if he would like to attend as well.

15. City Clerk's Report - written report in the packet

16. Staff Reports

a. Parks and Rec, Susie Herschleb, reported to Council that the pool had an issue with chemical levels at the bottom of the pool, which they are correcting. They were able to purchase a new pool cover with residual funds from the ventilation system fix for about 6 thousand dollars. However, they will not be able to put it over the pool until after the chemical levels even out. The pool is on schedule to close in May for repairs.

b. School project, Tom Cohenour, reported to Council that the school would be completed in 10 days. The kids have moved out of the gym onto the second floor. Tests were completed on the gym floor, which will be sealed and completed by January 22nd. The phosphorescing on the concrete bricks is being addressed. Engineers have done inspections. The first and second floors have been completed. Floor zero is 95% completed. The shelving tops in the library were too short but will work until the correct size tops can be installed. Air balancing is still to be completed. The flagpole is still crooked. *Beedle* asked if there is a time period in which the City is protected if something breaks or isn't right. *Cohenour* replied that there is a 12-month warranty period.

c. Cordova Center, Tom Cohenour, reported that concrete has been poured on the walls. They did shut down the site as planned but then it warmed up so there is talk of opening the site back up earlier than anticipated. Construction caused a flood in the Police Department carport and the Fire Department, no damage has been reported. Thanks to *Dick Groff* and *Robin Kacsh* with clean up and damage control. Trenches have been dug to discourage any future flood issues.

d. ALMAR project, Chief Baty, reported that talks of installing the ALMAR system in Cordova have been going on since he first became Chief. Currently Kotzebue and Cordova are the last two out of thirty-eight communities in the state to become fully equipped. The project is scheduled to complete by mid-summer and will not cost the City any money, as Home Land security will be funding the project. *Kacsh* stated that ALMAR is a line of site communication device. The issue discussed before is that we currently do not have the towers to support the system. He mentioned that other communities had to install repeaters and asked if that would be the case in Cordova. *Baty* responded that he was unsure of the details but once he has them will bring them to Council. *Kacsh* clarified for Council that the ALMAR system has many frequencies that will be dedicated for specific groups for specific needs.

K. CORRESPONDENCE

17. Letter from Copper River Watershed Project
18. Letter from Kathleen Kritchen
19. Letter from the Office of Governor Sean Parnell
20. Letter from the Native Village of Eyak
21. Letter from Laurence Ludlow
22. Letter to Representative Bill Thomas
23. Letter to Craig Tillery

L. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

24. Ordinance 1078

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the transfer of \$793,356 from the General Reserve Fund (Permanent Fund) to Governmental Capital Projects Fund #401, to provide a source of money for the capital projects expenditures which were appropriated in the operating budget for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 – 1st reading

M/Cheshier S/Kacsh to adopt Ordinance 1078, an ordinance of the city council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the transfer of \$793,356 from the General Reserve Fund (Permanent Fund) to Governmental Capital Projects Fund #401, to provide a source of money for the capital projects expenditures which were appropriated in the operating budget for fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

Vote on motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Reggiani – yes; Beedle – yes; van den Broek – yes; Kacsh – yes; Allison – yes; Bradford – yes and Cheshier – yes. Motion was approved.

24a. Resolution 01-11-01

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing creation of the E-911 RFP review Committee

M/Kacsh S/Cheshier to approve Resolution 01-11-01, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing creation of the E-911 RFP review Committee.

Beedle inquired as to why there was an RFP when Council had decided to use Motorola. *Baty* responded that he had originally come to Council with an estimate from Motorola, who will be submitting an RFP; however, the estimate was just for discussion and information purposes. *Reggiani* listed the names to be on the committee: *Dick Groff, Gary Graham, Chief Robert Baty, Mike Hicks, Oscar Delpino, David Allison*, and *Bret Bradford*.

M/Allison S/Kacsh to amended the resolution to state the committee will have 7 members not 8.

Vote on amendment: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

Vote on main motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

24b. Resolution 01-11-02

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, adopting service fees, rates, and charges for the 2011 calendar budget.

M/Kacsh S/Bradford to approve Resolution 01-11-02, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, adopting service fees, rates, and charges for the 2011 calendar budget.

Kacsh stated he would like to have the harbor look into other harbors hall-out fees for comparison.

Bradford stated he would like to have a Council discussion on the Harbors fees with the Harbor Master,

Dale Muma. *Bradford* stated he has concerns about the harbor long-term parking and the enforcement

of the registrations. *Cheshier* stated he is concerned with raising harbor rates 5% and why it was not

discussed during budget time. *Lynch* replied that during the budget time it was discussed that the harbor

was just breaking even and that 5% may not even be enough. *Reggiani* stated he would like to talk to

Dale Muma before raising the harbor fee. *Bradford* stated his concern for raising business licenses and

that the amount may be too much. *Kacsh* suggested that Council have a work session to discuss the fee

schedule. *Allison* stated that the increase for business licenses was not discussed during budget time and

would like to see if multiple year licenses are possible. *Beedle* agreed with *Kacsh* that council should

have a work session. *Cheshier* stated that the items should have been tackled at budget time, because if

fees are increased, then the projected revenue Council based the budget on will not be accurate.

M/Bradford S/Kacsh to refer back to staff to be worked out in a work session to be scheduled.

Vote on motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

24c. Resolution 01-11-04

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing creation of a Public Service Building Design Committee to advise Council on a building and site plan for a new Public Service Building.

M/Allison S/Cheshier to approve Resolution 01-11-04, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing creation of a Public Service Building Design Committee to advise Council on a building and site plan for a new Public Service Building. *Reggiani* listed the names to be on the committee: *David Reggiani, Dick Groff, Mike Hicks, Tom Bailer, Chief Robert Baty, Martin Moe* and *Jim Kacsh*.

Bradford inquired as to which location the committee would be planning the design. *Reggiani* replied

that the committee would work out the location with the design. *Beedle* requested additional public

process on the location. *Kacsh* stated that nothing is off the table at this state of planning. *Cheshier*

stated that all meetings are public. *Beedle* stated that there is a difference between a public meeting and

a meeting for the public. *Allison* stated that committee meetings are much less formal and allow for additional public interaction. *Kacsh* stated that the facilitator would facilitate the meeting as the topic requires and has faith that *Reggiani* will include public in the committee discussions as the chair. *Beedle* stated he would still like to see a more public workshop.

Vote on motion: 5 yeas, 2 nays (Beedle and Bradford). Motion was approved.

M. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

N. NEW & MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

25. Vice Mayor appointment and Council concurrence to fill vacant seats on E911 RFP review committee. Committee members *Dick Groff*-chair, *Gary Graham*, *Chief Robert Baty*, *Mike Hicks*, *Oscar Delpino*, *David Allison*, and *Bret Bradford*.

M/Allison S/Kacsh to approve the list of committee members presented by Vice Mayor Reggiani

Beedle stated that he would have liked to see the names in the packet. He would have liked more notice and an opportunity for the public to volunteer if they wished. *Reggiani* stated that he was unable to put the names in the packet due to a time constraint and apologized for not giving more notice. *Beedle* stated he could not concur with the appointments, as he was unable to review the names previous.

Vote on motion: 6 yeas, 1 nay (Beedle). Motion was approved.

26. Vice Mayor appointment and Council concurrence to fill vacant seats on Public Safety Building Design committee. Committee members *David Reggiani*-Chair, *Dick Groff*, *Mike Hicks*, *Tom Bailer*, *Chief Robert Baty*, *Martin Moe* and *Jim Kacsh*.

M/Allison S/Kacsh to approve the list of committee members presented by Vice Mayor Reggiani

Beedle stated that again he could not concur with the appointments, as he was unable to review the names before the meeting. *Reggiani* stated that the point was well taken.

Vote on motion: 6 yeas, 1 nay (Beedle). Motion was approved.

27. Pending Agenda and Calendar

01/19/11 Work Session on Fee Schedule at 6:30 before the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
AML Winter Legislative Meeting is February 8-10, 2011. *Lynch*, *Kacsh*, and *Beedle* to attend.

O. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jennifer Gibbons, Browning St, informed Council that the Chamber of Commerce has requested Council keep Main Street dedicated for retail locations and purposes. She requested that Council use the paper as a way to inform the community. *Gibbons* also stated she had a concern with concurrences requested of Council to facilitate further process but gets lost and can be confused as a motion.

Barbara Beedle, 910 Ingress, brought to the Council's attention that there are more committee vacancies than were voted on tonight. She also stated that she felt the business license fee was excessive. *Beedle* informed Council that she has brought a clock to be hung where the public can see it and thinks having coffee available to the public would help them feel more comfortable in attending meetings.

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

28. Council Comments

Beedle stated that he was looking up Main Street the other day and it really looks nice. He also stated that he was glad to see *Allison* back at the meetings.

Cheshier wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Reggiani also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

R. ADJOURNMENT

M/Bradford S/Allison to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:05 pm
Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: January 19, 2011

Attest: _____

Robyn Kincaid, Deputy City Clerk

