

Regular City Council Meeting
January 20, 2016 @ 6:15 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B
Minutes

A. Call to order

Mayor James Kacsh called the Council Regular Meeting to order at 6:15 pm on January 20, 2016 in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Invocation and pledge of allegiance

Mayor James Kacsh led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll call

Present for roll call were **Mayor James Kacsh** and Council members **Kristin Carpenter, Tim Joyce, Tom Bailer, Josh Hallquist, David Reggiani** and **James Burton**. Council member **Robert Beedle** was present via teleconference. Also present were City Manager **Randy Robertson** and Deputy City Clerk **Tina Hammer**.

D. Approval of Regular Agenda

M/Burton S/Joyce to approve the Regular Agenda.

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Burton-yes; Joyce-yes; Beedle-yes; Hallquist-yes; Carpenter-yes; Reggiani-yes and Bailer-yes. Motion approved.

E. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

Mayor Kacsh declared that regarding item 14 – he is a direct neighbor of **Tony Rodrigues’**

F. Communications by and Petitions from Visitors

1. Guest Speaker - none

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items

Tony Rodrigues spoke regarding his letter to Council under correspondence on the agenda. He asked the Council to direct the City Manager to work toward a solution to an error made by a previous City staff.

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

Beedle said that Harbor Commission went over the master plan and the budget at their last meeting. He’d like the commission to start working on a strategic plan for the harbor.

Carpenter said HSB should meet soon – she’d like to plan something for next week concerning a cash flow issue there. Council said that would actually be a City Council meeting to take action on a loan to CCMC. They would be discussing this at Pending Agenda.

Bailer said Planning and Zoning met and the biggest item was that there were seven proposals for the old Library/Museum building – he said they discussed it, asked some questions of proposers and opted to refer it to staff and will see it again at their next meeting.

Mayor Kacsh reported that he’d be meeting next Thursday for a noon lunch with representatives of boards and commissions.

4. Student Council Representative Report – was not present

G. Approval of Consent Calendar

Mayor Kacsh declared the consent calendar before Council.

5. Ordinance 1139 An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska amending Cordova Municipal Code Title 8 entitled “Health and Safety” to adopt Chapter 8.40 entitled “Marijuana Regulation,” and designating the Cordova City Council as the City’s local regulatory authority on marijuana – 2nd reading

6. Ordinance 1140 An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska amending Cordova Municipal Code Title 8 to add a new Chapter 8.44 to prohibit the extraction of tetrahydrocannabinol (“THC”) or any cannabinoid by use of materials or methods deemed dangerous to public health and safety, unless otherwise permitted by law – 2nd reading

7. Resolution 01-16-03 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, approving the license for a mobile restaurant

8. Resolution 01-16-04 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, approving the site plan of Ocean Beauty Seafoods, LLC to construct a 5,400 square foot fish oil and fish meal production facility on Lot 3A, Block 1,

Cordova Industrial Plant

9. Resolution 01-16-05 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, approving the site plan of Alpine Diesel to construct an 8,640 square foot vessel maintenance building on a portion of Tract 1A, Ocean Dock Subdivision

Vote on the consent calendar: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Beedle-yes; Joyce-yes; Hallquist-yes; Bailer-yes; Carpenter-yes; Burton-yes and Reggiani-yes. Consent Calendar was approved.

H. Approval of Minutes

M/Burton S/Bailer to approve the minutes.

10. 1-6-16 Public Hearing Minutes

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Joyce-yes; Bailer-yes; Burton-yes; Beedle-yes; Reggiani-yes; Hallquist-yes and Carpenter-yes. Motion approved.

I. Consideration of Bids - none

J. Reports of Officers

11. Mayor's Report - *Mayor Kacsh* said he sent a letter to ADF&G commissioner regarding the test fishery for Tanner Crab.

12. Manager's Report - *Robertson* said that Senator Stevens office contacted him about coming to Cordova for a visit, probably early in the session preferably on a Friday.

13. City Clerk's Report - *Deputy Clerk Hammer* said she has been busy inputting 2016 property assessments into the database.

K. Correspondence

14. 01-06-16 Rodrigues letter in re Culvert in Forest Heights Subdivision

Joyce said he'd like to see the planning department provide a report at the next meeting with some background information on this issue. *Robertson* said we will be ready to do that, he was wanting to hear from Council as to whether that was the will of the council versus letting the City staff handle it. *Bailer* said he would like to see this resolved so a house would get built there. *Hallquist* said he agreed with *Bailer*.

L. Ordinances and Resolutions - none

M. Unfinished Business - none

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

15. Presentations by Legal firms that have responded to the City's RFP for legal services

a. Levesque Law Group - *Joe Levesque*

b. Landye Bennett Blumstein - *Matt Mead* and *Kim Dunn*

c. Hoffman & Blasco - *Bob Blasco* and *Megan Costello*

d. Boyd Chandler Falconer - *Brooks Chandler*

e. Birch Horton Bittner & Cherot - *Holly Wells, Katie Davies, David Gross, Adam Cook* and *Tom Klinkner*
(via teleconference)

Each firm had an attorney(s) speak - present his/their proposals that they had put in as a response to the City's RFP for legal services. After 20 - 30 minutes for each presentation, council and the City Manager also had a few questions for each attorney and/or group of attorneys.

16. Pending Agenda, Calendar, Elected & Appointed Officials list

Council scheduled a special meeting for Wednesday January 27 at 7pm - hospital needed a financial infusion to handle short term financial needs. *Bailer* asked what the next step was for Council regarding these law firms and a decision. *Mayor Kacsh* said he thought council might opt to have an executive session tonight to begin that discussion.

O. Audience Participation - none

P. Council Comments

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Hallquist thanked the attorneys who came to Cordova and presented to Council tonight.

Bailer, Reggiani, Carpenter and *Joyce* all echoed those comments.

Joyce further commented that he had been to a P&Z commission special meeting and it became clear to him that Council is tasking P&Z with items way outside what charter and code has given them as far as roles and responsibilities. He believes that the criteria they are using should be looked at and reevaluated.

Q. Executive Session

M/Bailer S/Burton to go into an executive session to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the government, specifically the legal presentations made this evening and contractual matters.

Vote on motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays, Carpenter-yes; Hallquist-yes; Bailer-yes; Beedle-yes; Burton-yes; Reggiani-yes and Joyce-yes. Motion was approved.

Hearing no objection, *Mayor Kacsh* called for a five minute recess at 8:52 pm.

Council was back in session at 8:57 pm.

Council entered executive session at 8:57 pm and was back in regular session at 10:15 pm.

R. Adjournment

M/Bailer S/Hallquist to adjourn.

Hearing no objections the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Approved: February 17, 2016

Attest: _____



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

