

City Council Public Hearing
April 4, 2018 @ 6:45 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B
Minutes

A. Call to order

Mayor Clay Koplín called the Council public hearing to order at 6:47 pm on April 4, 2018, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Roll call

Present for roll call were Council members *Ken Jones, Melina Meyer, Anne Schaefer, David Allison* and *James Wiese*. Council member *James Burton* was present via teleconference. Council member *Jeff Guard* was absent. Also present were City Manager *Alan Lanning* and Assistant City Planner *Leif Stavig*.

C. Public hearing

1. Ordinance 1168 An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the sale and conveyance of A.S.L.S. 2001-5 according to the Plat number 2006-9 to the Prince William Sound Science and Technology Institute, for \$50,000

Mayor Koplín opened the hearing up for public testimony on Ordinance 1168.

Tom Carpenter 501 Sunnyside Drive spoke to the land disposal, not specifically intended at the PWSSC, but more about the sale at less than fair market value. He spoke against the disposal for \$50,000 and wanted Council to consider if it's the best use for the property. He wanted to ensure, if it is sold, that there is strong language concerning development and payment of property taxes, etc.

Council member *Meyer* asked Manager *Lanning* if Planning staff could address the value of that piece of land as well as any deed restrictions that exist on that property.

Sam Greenwood explained that when this piece of land was deeded to the City from the State, the restrictions placed on it were as far as use - could only be recreational, public, educational type use. The state would come in and take that land back if the City were to try to sell it to someone wanting to put a fish processing facility there. No industrial or retail private type of business could ever be put there. Current assessed value is \$68,000.

Katrina Hoffman 301 South Second Street, CEO of PWSSC said the zoning of this property is Conservation District, in addition to the deed restrictions, the zone also puts boundaries on what is allowable there. Thanked Council for the support last time, she appreciates the generosity of the sale price being below market value, which is allowable for Council to do when disposing to a non-profit. The Science Center now has a heavy lift to raise the \$15 million needed for what they will be constructing and this is one of the ways the community can show support for that.

D. Adjournment

Mayor Koplín adjourned the public hearing at 6:57 pm, with no objection.

Approved: April 18, 2018

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

