

**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**April 5, 2017 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B**  
**Minutes**

**A. Call to order**

*Acting Vice Mayor Josh Hallquist* called the Council regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm on April 5, 2017, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

**B. Invocation and pledge of allegiance**

*Acting Vice Mayor Hallquist* led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Roll call**

Present for roll call were Council members *Robert Beedle, Josh Hallquist, David Allison* and *James Wiese. Mayor Clay Koplín* and Council members *James Burton, Ken Jones* and *Jeff Guard* were present via teleconference. Also present were Acting City Manager *Cathy Sherman* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

**D. Approval of Regular Agenda**

*M/Allison S/Beedle* to approve the Regular Agenda.

Vote on the 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 - City Lobbyist *John Bitney* gave an update on what is happening in the legislative session in Juneau. Day 90 is Easter Sunday (April 16) - he believes they will not be finished but after that date probably only revenue measure bills and budget bill will be considered. He basically said it has been the session of trying to hang on to what you have instead of going out and getting anything extra.

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items - none

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

Harbor, no meeting; HSB had a report in the packet (*Bourgeois* said she would get in touch with *Scot Mitchell* in order to get a board member designated to report to Council about the new CCMC Authority Board); Planning and Zoning - *Greenwood* said that they met on March 28 and a couple of their agenda items are before Council tonight, they also discussed Chapter 16 - Building Codes; Superintendent *Alex Russin* said there are 36 school days remaining, wrapped up state testing this week, close-up students have returned from NY-Washington trip, documentary film, "Most Likely to Succeed" to be shown again - helps to have a conversation about reimagining what the purpose of schooling is and how we might better engage and prepare students for their lives in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. *Russin* also mentioned the legislature and he thanked *Bitney* for reaching out to him about the education funding issues. *Cathy Sherman* gave a report on the Fisheries Development Committee meeting of Monday April 3 - they went over Board of Fish decisions and they unanimously recommended that City Council direct the City to apply for a commissioner's permit for Tanner Crab.

4. Student Council Representative Report - *Cori Pegau* reported that ACT and SAT tests dates are upcoming as well as Prom is in 2 weeks. Future Problem Solvers and the Music Program have competitions coming up - Problems Solvers will be held in Cordova this year.

**G. Approval of Consent Calendar**

*Acting Vice Mayor Hallquist* declared the consent calendar was before the City Council.

5. Record unexcused absence of Council member *Hallquist* from the March 15, 2017 Regular meeting

Vote on the consent calendar: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Wiese-yes; Jones-yes; Beedle-yes; Hallquist-yes; Allison-yes; Burton-yes and Guard-yes. Consent Calendar was approved.

**H. Approval of Minutes**

*M/Allison S/Beedle* to approve the minutes.

6. Minutes of 03-01-17 Council Regular Meeting

7. Minutes of 03-15-17 Council Public Hearing

8. Minutes of 03-15-17 Council Regular Meeting

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

**I. Consideration of Bids - none**

**J. Reports of Officers**

9. Mayor's Report - **Mayor Koplín** had a written report in the packet. He added that Torie Baker from the Sea Grant program has asked him for a letter of support as has CFRC and he will do so without objection from Council. Council agreed he should write the letters.

10. Manager's Report - **Sherman**, sitting in for **Lanning**, reported on some staff members who should receive thanks, **Courtney Ziegler** at Bidarki, noticed the smell and called her supervisor, **Heather Brannon** who decided to make the call that led to **Paul Trumblee** discovering the culprit (dust buildup that caused a ceiling fan's motor to seize) which could have led to a disaster. Bidarki staff are checking all such fans and cleaning and reinstalling. She also reported that as of this date, all museum collection items are under one roof - here at the Cordova Center - everything has been moved from CCMC basement. Nirvana Park meeting tomorrow of the core committee. Next week the water tanks as part of post-LT2 upgrades will be started. Eagle contracting will be finishing the slope out front of the Cordova Center - should be completed by May 15.

11. City Clerk's Report - **Bourgeois** reported that we are in the appeal period for property tax assessments - 12 received to date - appeals accepted until Friday April 7. BOE will be on Monday April 17 which is before Council's next regular meeting - she invited new Council members or anyone who wanted/needed a refresher on BOE to come talk to her - and she'd be sending out some information on that. Attorney training date to be solidified - she asked Council to get with her again on dates that work.

#### K. Correspondence

12. 02-13-17 email from **L. Foad** re Cordova, Cordova Center and City staff

13. 03-29-17 letter from **E. Clark** re Adams Street sidewalks

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15. 03-29-17 emails from **Z. Reutov** re Odiak Camper Park

#### L. Ordinances and Resolutions

16. Ordinance 1151 an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the transfer of \$252,466.96 from the general reserve fund as follows: \$117,000 to the general fund for hospital equipment and \$135,466.96 to the general fund for a grant match for the Adams St. sidewalk project - 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

**M/Allison S/Wiese** to adopt Ordinance 1151 an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the transfer of \$252,466.96 from the general reserve fund as follows: \$117,000 to the general fund for hospital equipment and \$135,466.96 to the general fund for a grant match for the Adams St. sidewalk project.

**Allison** said this has been discussed at length he is still in favor. The grant match for the state grant is the more controversial of the two expenditures - he supports that because even though the state says it will be available next year as well - he is fearful that will not be the case. Also he made a point that at the last meeting, one council member said it was not the City's responsibility to be an economic engine in this town - **Allison** disagreed as did one of the other Council members last time who said it was in fact a role of the City to help stimulate the economy. **Wiese** also spoke in favor - he said staff has worked on this as we have directed, so we are already spending money on this and the asphalt plant already being in town is a big cost savings. **Wiese** said he has also yet to hear public comment against this expenditure. **Beedle** spoke against the ordinance, he said he would vote against. **Burton** spoke in favor of the ordinance and said infrastructure is almost always a good bet as far as City funding, this section of street that we have spent money repairing year after year could use the better longer-term fix. **Jones** had a couple of questions - he'd like to know the cost savings due to the batch plant and he wondered what dollar amount could be attached to the annual amount spent to fix that piece of road in particular. Opinions were in the \$60 - 70 thousand range in savings due to the batch plant. Staff was unable to give any kinds of estimates to the annual maintenance costs he was looking for. **Guard** said he was in favor of the improvement and believed that the savings could be considerably more than the \$60 -70 thousand number because he thought that was strictly on the asphalt but the mobbing and de-mobbing would be another added expense. **Hallquist** said he is in favor - he also has concerns about unforeseen asks that may be coming. He also was of the opinion that the money might not be available from the state next year.

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 1 nay. Beedle-no; Jones-yes; Hallquist-yes; Guard-yes; Allison-yes; Wiese-yes; Burton-yes and Mayor Koplín-yes. Motion passes. **Bourgeois** said the Mayor's vote does count since there were 6 yes votes from Council members.

With adoption of Ordinance 1151, it was determined that Ordinances 1152 & 1153 were moot

~~17. Ordinance 1152 An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the transfer of \$116,000 from the general reserve fund for the purchase of a UPS unit for CCMC - 1<sup>st</sup> reading~~

~~18. Ordinance 1153 An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the transfer of \$135,466.96 from the general reserve fund to the general fund for the required grant match for the Adams St. sidewalk project - 1<sup>st</sup> reading~~

19. Resolution 04-17-09 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, approving the site plan from Dan Nichols to construct a warehouse on Lot 2, Block 3, Cordova Industrial Park

*M/Allison S/Wiese* to approve Resolution 04-17-09 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, approving the site plan from Dan Nichols to construct a warehouse on Lot 2, Block 3, Cordova Industrial Park

*Allison* said this was reviewed by Planning Commission and they recommended this with conditions and he will support it. *Wiese* said Nichols did what was asked of him.

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Allison-yes; Hallquist-yes; Guard-yes; Beedle-yes; Wiese-yes; Burton-yes and Jones-yes. Motion passes.

#### M. Unfinished Business

#### N. New & Miscellaneous Business

20. Council election of Vice-Mayor

*M/Beedle S/Wiese* to nominate Josh Hallquist as Vice Mayor.

Hearing no further nominations a roll call vote was taken to elect *Josh Hallquist* as Vice Mayor.

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Beedle-yes; Allison-yes; Wiese-yes; Hallquist-yes; Guard-yes; Burton-yes and Jones-yes. Motion passes.

21. Council action on City land disposal Lot 20 Block 23, Original Townsite

*M/Allison S/Wiese* to award the disposal for Lot 20, Block 23 Original Townsite.

*Allison* said that this went through P & Z, it's a legitimate use of the property, it will increase taxes to the City and he will support it. *Wiese* asked if there was access to the further down lots through an alleyway. *Greenwood* said, yes there was.

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

22. Pending Agenda, Calendar and Elected & Appointed Officials lists

*Bourgeois* said that Odiak Camper Park - other camper/RV rental locations in town - based on the letter (emails) *Mayor Koplín* asked for this to be placed on the pending agenda. *Bourgeois* also said the liquor license renewal protest item that was referred last meeting will be on the April 19 agenda. Clean up day - April 15 & Prom that night - April 22 - health fair. *Sherman* also said that Fisheries Development Committee will prepare a resolution for Council action on April 19.

#### O. Audience Participation

#### P. Council Comments

*Guard* said he is wholeheartedly for the commissioner's permit - he is unsure how it will all function if we get it, how it proceeds from there.

*Jones* thanked everyone for putting up with him, he said the sidewalk project was really a pretty tough decision for him, he mostly agreed with Robert and his points but what swayed him was the overwhelming public support.

*Beedle* welcomed the new council members, he said he hopes he is totally off base on the sidewalk decision.

*Allison* also thanked the new members, congrats to Josh for Vice Mayor - thanks to all of those attending by phone.

*Wiese* thanked *Russin* for coming tonight and updating them about SB 96, he encouraged people to write legislators about that one - he plans to. He also thanked *Beedle* for his comments on the sidewalk - he appreciated them.

*Hallquist* thanked *Cathy* for sitting in for *Alan*, thanked *Bitney*.

#### Q. Adjournment

*M/Beedle S/Allison* to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

Approved: April 19, 2017

Attest:   
Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

