

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 6, 2011 @ 7:30 PM  
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM  
MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor James Kallander* called the Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 pm on April 6, 2011, in the Library Meeting Room.

**B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Corrine Erickson* led the audience in an Invocation.

*Mayor Kallander* led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. ROLL CALL**

Present for roll call were *Mayor James Kallander*, Council members *Jim Kacsh*, *David Allison*, *Bret Bradford* and *David Reggiani*. Council Members *Keith van den Broek*, *EJ Cheshier* and *Robert Beedle* were absent. Also present were City Manager *Mark Lynch*, City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois* and Student Council representative *Shyla Krukoff*.

**D. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

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

Vote on motion: 4 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

*Tom Bailer* of 304 Orca Inlet Drive spoke to agenda item 26. He said that he made the motion at the P&Z Commission meeting to have the City upgrade the water and sewer lines before selling those lots. He also had an idea of subdividing the four into two lots and if they were turned 180 degrees they would be two good buildable lots.

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

*Jim Nygaard* superintendent of schools of 1003 Young Drive – mentioned some legislation he's been following. Mt. Eccles project is down to a punch list which includes some playground completions. The ILP building application with the State has been approved. Bid documents ready to go out soon – hope to have them open by third week of May and the project completed by end of October. If we get an extra \$100 per kid in Cordova (we are slated to get \$110) that would equate to \$75,000. He thought we'd be lucky to get a third of that for Vocational Ed as well. *Nygaard* mentioned that Chief *Baty* came in to speak to the HS staff meeting – with *Nicole Songer* as well. It was a great talk about age of consent issues. He praised and thanked *Baty* for that.

a. Student Council Representative

*Shyla Krukoff* reported that there was testing this week – sophomore's taking the HSGQE. Next week is the AASG conference and the week after that is spring break – band and choir will be going to band fest. The suicide prevention video contest has seen 14 of the 20 videos entered from Cordova. The ski hill day will have to wait until next year. 41 schools and 302 delegates will be attending AASG.

**G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Mayor Kallander* stated that the consent calendar was before Council.

4. Record unexcused absence of Council member David Allison from 3/16/11 Regular Council Meeting



5. Record excused absence of Council member Keith van den Broek from 3/16/11 Regular Council Meeting

Vote on Consent Calendar: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent (Cheshier, Beedle, van den Broek). Reggiani – yes; Kacsh – yes; Allison – yes and Bradford – yes. Consent Calendar was approved.

## H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*M/Reggiani S/Kacsh* to approve the minutes

6. Minutes of 03-02-11 Regular Council Meeting

7. Minutes of 03-16-11 Regular Council Meeting

*Allison* pointed out a typo in the minutes; *Bourgeois* took note to correct the typo.

Vote on motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

## I. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS - None

## J. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

8. Mayor's Report – *Mayor Kallander* reported that he traveled twice to Juneau – *Bitney* had set up lots of meetings with legislators, met with the Governor. He was talking up our capital priorities. He had dinner with Bill Thomas and Kaci Schroeder one evening. Overall it went really well – he had sent halibut fillets there and it got a good response – was well-received.

He has met with Bruce Lamoreux from Providence and they are interested in submitting an RFP. He met with *Moe* on Cordova Center. Looks like Cordova will get another \$68K in revenue sharing. He marched with the community on the Governor's choose respect initiative. He had lots of meetings with *Mark. Dave Cobb* in Valdez is enthusiastically lobbying us to join with Valdez in a new district that would go up the pipeline and he said we weren't interested. The next day he testified in front of the redistricting board to say we are happy with district 5 and happy with *Bill Thomas*. He said that he also spoke with Representative Stephens of Kodiak because a few of the suggested maps put us with Kodiak. He reiterated that we are happy with district 5 and happy with *Bill Thomas* and we are not turning our backs on people who have been good to us. The state has surplus revenue of \$3.4 Billion which is more than originally anticipated so it could be Christmas for some of the communities. *Cory Baggen* will be in on the 18<sup>th</sup> to talk to him and *Sam Greenwood* about a land deal.

9. Manager's Report – *Lynch* spent a day each with the three prospective hospital groups, Quorum Health, Providence and the Hospital Administrator from Wrangell came. He also testified to the redistricting board. He met with DOT and there will be no significant construction work on CRH in 2011. Not going to do this work until 2012. *Tom Cohenour* has tendered his resignation and that job (Director of Public Works) is out to hire.

10. City Clerk's Report - *Bourgeois* mentioned that assessment notices are out – appeals due by April 11 at 5PM at City Hall. There have been 42 appeals so far and the Assessor handles them as they come in so hopefully most if not all can be resolved before the BOE meeting. She explained a bit of the process by stating that higher assessed values do not necessarily equate to higher taxes. She has been trying to educate people on the budget process, the assessing process and then the setting of the mill rate and how each of these plays a part in arriving at a taxpayer's burden.

## 11. Staff Reports

a. Moe Zamarron, COR, Cordova Center Project – *Zamarron* reported that things are really moving vertical. A great deal of cement has been poured and people are really noticing the change. Design work has been completed. Horizontal drilling is underway on the west wall – new designs are in process. The concrete is forming the stairs and the new theater area will be there. There is a new plan to harvest underground streams running through the building that will be used for gray water in the



building. Comprehensive schedule shoots for the end of the year completion – budget has seen the sixth application for payment and it is within what we expected. Steel submittals are complete – a large shipment has come in – soon we will start seeing steel swinging. Therefore, very soon, we will have some high precipices. Safety will be an issue and we are on it – we will do everything to keep on top of the safety of children especially.

b. John Bitney, Juneau update

#### **K. CORRESPONDENCE**

12. Letter to AK Redistricting Board Chairman John Torgerson
13. Letter to Board of Fish Chairman Vince Webster
14. Letter from CFRC & NVE in re Choose Respect
15. Letter from DOT in re findings for SRTS project
16. Letter from Kevin Kimber in re vehicle accident
17. Letter to Congress in re Timber Receipts
18. Letter to USACE and ADOT & PF in re Ports & Harbors
19. Letter from Governor Parnell in re Choose Respect
20. Notice sent from 'The Uptown Business Organization' to Council, Manager and Chief

**Bradford** asked **Lynch** what was happening concerning this letter from **Kevin Kimber**. **Lynch** said no ticket had been issued.

**Mayor Kallander** spoke concerning the letter from the Uptown Business Association (item 20). He said this was an issue of vandalism, a claim is in with an insurance company and this isn't a City issue (nor is it CDFU's issue – they are simply a tenant in that building), a full response is underway.

#### **L. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

21. Resolution 04-11-17

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska calling on the State of Alaska Redistricting Board to maintain the community of Cordova in a house district that is integrated into a socio-economic area and contiguous area of coastal communities in Southeast Alaska and Prince William Sound

**M/Reggiani S/Kacsh** to approve Resolution 04-11-17, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, calling on the State of Alaska Redistricting Board to maintain the community of Cordova in a house district that is integrated into a socio-economic area and contiguous area of coastal communities in Southeast Alaska and Prince William Sound.

Vote on motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

#### **M. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

22. Status update of Anchor Bar and delinquent sales tax

**Ashley Royal** recommends no action be taken here because they have been responsive.

23. Council's right to protest renewal of liquor licenses for the Cordova Hotel & Bar, licenses #277 & #278 (may be discussed in Executive Session)

**Royal** said there has also been action taken here – they have been responsive. After some discussion, Council chose to act as follows:

**M/Reggiani S/Kacsh** to refer items 22 and 23 back to staff for a follow up update at the April 20, 2011 meeting and also an update from the Clerk on how to remedy the motion that was made to protest at the March 16 meeting.

Vote on motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion was approved.



24. Eyak Water Treatment Plant update – action

**Tom Cohenour** was present to give Council an update on the costs involved with getting the two other filters working at the Eyak Lake Treatment Plant. He said we will need a budget amendment to approve the \$58K match but we are under a time crunch to use the grant funds by May 31. **Mark Lynch** said Council could act on this tonight and he would agree to **Tom Cohenour's** memo as his own memo so as to allow Council to act per a memo from the Manager (as Code requires).

**M/Kacsh S/Reggiani** to direct staff to enter into a contract with CH2MHill not to exceed \$195K for the scope of work as proposed.

Vote on motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent (Cheshier, Beedle, van den Broek). Kacsh – yes; Allison – yes; Bradford – yes and Reggiani-yes. Motion was approved.

**N. NEW & MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

25. Mayor appointment and Council concurrence to fill a vacant seat on the Parks and Recreation Commission

**M/Reggiani S/Allison** to concur with Mayor Kallander's appointment of Greg Bridgewater to fill the remainder of a three year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission that will expire in November 2013.

Vote on motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

26. Request for purchase of City land - Original Townsite Lots 1-4 Block 42

**M/Reggiani S/Kacsh** that the City dispose of Lots 1-4 Block 42 Original Townsite for not less than fair market value as outlined in chapter 5.22.060A.4.

**Kacsh** opined that before we dispose of it we should look at the cost of re-platting and putting utilities to the lots. **Reggiani** said he liked **Bailer's** ideas but he hates to limit ourselves to not hearing other proposals. **Allison** agreed that there could be a lot of good ideas therefore he likes the motion to put out for proposals.

Vote on motion: 3 yeas, 1 nay (Kacsh). Motion was approved.

27. CMC 18.90 – Cordova Historical Preservation Commission – discussion

**Reggiani** brought this up because the Historical Preservation Commission does exist in Code and he would like to see it brought back to life. He wanted to intro this to Council and then hopefully come back at the next meeting to bring the names forward. He said this was spurred by all the public input at some of the Public Safety Building Design Committee meetings about maintaining the historical perspective of Main Street in Cordova. He outlined that three of the members need to be professional level architects, history, archaeology etc. He simply wanted to make Council aware of this; that we would seek out Cordovans to fill these posts but if he needed to go out of town to fill the professional level positions then we would do so. **Cathy Sherman** gave some input and spoke to the ability to garner certain grants due to the existence of such a commission.

While **Sherman** was present, **Mayor Kallander** asked her to speak to the Cordova Center construction project. She said that the task force is meeting every other week and she and **Moe** have set up an inbox so everything Cordova Center will be seen by both of them. She said that the auditors have been in and they have reviewed 2010 as well as given some excellent suggestions for the Cordova Center budget as things move forward.

As far as foundation funding for phase 2 – she is looking at \$1.1M - \$1.6 M in additional funding – these are her first next steps. Pretty encouraged by this number – also \$45K - \$200K of very specialized funding which might be out there. Corporate funders are a next step after that and everyone will have a packet to ask for that corporate funding of anyone and everyone they run into. She would like to have a work session before an upcoming Council meeting to discuss site plans, etc. of phase 2.

28. Pending Agenda and Calendar  
*Kacsh* asked for the Clerk evaluation forms.

**O. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None**

**P. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

21. Council Comments

*Bradford* said he was disappointed to hear about *Cohenour's* departure – he had hoped he would be here longer – wished him luck in the future. As far as the Kimber letter, he said he would like to speak further with the Manager about that.

*Reggiani* said ditto about *Cohenour*.

*Allison* also wished *Tom Cohenour* well. He also mentioned that he would be away for a while as his sister was a match and he will be having the kidney transplant surgery in Seattle on April 18, 2010. He will be out of town for four to six weeks.

*Mayor Kallander* thanked *Tom Cohenour* as well. He also wished Allison well and said we would be anxiously awaiting his return.

**Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

*M/Reggiani S/Bradford* to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:35 pm  
Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: 4/20/11

Attest:

  
Susan Bourgeois, City Clerk

