City Council Public Hearing
April 13, 2020 @ 12:00 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B

Minutes

A. Call to order
Mayor Clay Koplin called the Council public hearing to order at 12:00 pm on April 13, 2020, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Roll call
Present for roll call were Mayor Clay Koplin and Council members Tom Bail and David Glassen. Council members Cathy Sherman, Jeff Guard, Melina Meyer, Anne Schaefer and David Allison were present via teleconference. Also present were City Manager Helen Howarth and City Clerk Susan Bourgeois.

C. Public hearing
2. Emergency Ordinance 1186 An Emergency Ordinance of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska imposing a temporary travel hold on all travel into the City of Cordova except travel by individuals seeking care at a Cordova Critical Access Hospital, first responders, police officers, and Office of Children’s Services personnel from 12:00 am April 15, 2020 through 11:59 pm on April 29, 2020 to provide the City time to prepare for the covid-19 outbreak.
3. Emergency Ordinance 1187 An Emergency Ordinance of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska ratifying revisions to temporary emergency rules and procedures adopted by the City Manager in Emergency Order 2020-03 in response to Covid-19 that clarify the mutual aid agreement approval process, Covid-19 protocol submissions to the City, medical quarantine enforcement within the City, and collaboration efforts between the City and the Native Village of Eyak in response to Covid-19.

Mayor Koplin opened the hearing up for public testimony on the three ordinances.

Kristin Carpenter spoke in support of all three of the emergency ordinances.
Ken Jones of 514 Sunnyside Drive spoke against emergency ordinance 1186.
Mark Carcell of South Second Street spoke in support of emergency ordinance 1185.
Bret Bradford of 402 Railroad Row spoke in support of emergency ordinance 1185 and against 1186.
Tania Harrison of 202 South Second Street spoke in favor of ordinance 1186.
Mike Babic of 218 First Street spoke in support of emergency ordinance 1185 and against 1186.
Chelsea Haisman representing CDFU spoke against emergency ordinance 1186.
Anita Smyke of 602 Birch Street spoke in support of elders and the most vulnerable in the community.
Jim Smith of 4.5-mile Whittier opined we should trust Dr. Sanders.
Jason Pallas asked the City to mandate that businesses all use the exact same protocols.
Shawn Gilman spoke in support of emergency ordinances 1185 and 1187 and against 1186.
Jean DeBruler of 601 Lake Avenue spoke in support of all three emergency ordinances.
Molly Mulvany spoke in support of all three of the emergency ordinances.
Andrew Smallwood spoke in support of all three of the emergency ordinances.
Raven Cunningham spoke in support of all three of the emergency ordinances.
Karl Becker in lieu of the ordinances he opined there should be widely publicized and disseminated information on social distancing, 14-day quarantine, washing hands and wearing masks.
Robert Beedle of 609 Spruce Street stressed that the processors have been working on this for months and they have protocols in place, maybe they could tell what they are doing so the community is put at ease.
McKenna O’Toole spoke in support of emergency ordinances 1185 and 1187.
Ezekiel Brown spoke in opposition to emergency ordinance 1186.
Becki Shipman of 105 Chase Avenue spoke in favor of the ordinance on enforcement.
Danny Carpenter of 507 Fourth Street expressed concern about the way the Governor changed the wording on the small community order.
Luke Borer spoke in favor of all three ordinances – as far as 1186 he would like Council to go back to the governor and ask him to change that back.
Joanie Behrends of mile 4.5 CRH said she is in Washington and it is a lot more serious down there. She was fearful for the Cordova front line healthcare workers/medics.

Barb Jensen of 201 Boardwalk Way offered a suggestion about asking the USCG for help with enforcement.

D. Adjournment

M/Bailer S/Glasen to adjourn the public hearing

Hearing no objection Mayor Koplin adjourned the public hearing at 1:10 pm.

Approved: May 20, 2020

Attest: __________________________

Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk