

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

**A. Call to order**

**Mayor Clay Koplín** 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 Koplín** and Council members **Tom Bailer** and **David Glasen**. 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**

1. Emergency Ordinance 1185 An Emergency Ordinance of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska amending Cordova Municipal Code Chapter 3.45 to add CMC 3.45.090 entitled “Emergency Mandates,” which requires compliance with emergency mandates adopted by the City and imposes a fine for mandate violations
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 Koplín** 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 Carrel** 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 Whitshed 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 Mulvaney** 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.

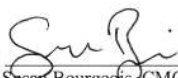
**D. Adjournment**

**M/Bailer S/Glasen** to adjourn the public hearing

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

Approved: May 20, 2020

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

