

Regular City Council Meeting
April 19, 2017 @ 7:00 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B
Minutes

A. Call to order

Mayor Clay Koplín called the Council regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm on April 19, 2017, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Invocation and pledge of allegiance

Mayor Koplín led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll call

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

D. Approval of Regular Agenda

M/Burton S/Allison 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 - **Barb Jewell** and **Nicole Songer** of Sound Alternatives and Cordova Family Resource Center, discussed a community needs assessment being conducted and asked Council to participate in the MAPP (mobilizing Action through Planning and Partnership) process that will be this weekend and Monday April 24.

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items - none

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

Harbor, **Beedle** reported that they met last Wednesday, discussed float repair going on, **Sherman** attended and updated the group on Nirvana Park (he thanked her), he also thanked **Rich Rogers** who came to discuss what Public Works and Harbor could work together on.

CCMCABoD - **Scot Mitchell** reported that the new Board of Directors has its first meeting on Tuesday April 25 - election of officers and a pretty packed agenda; first quarter has been very busy, averaging 4-5 patients per day either in acute care or in swing beds; federal happening, if ACA gets repealed it will have a major detrimental impact to hospitals across the country including ours; state budget is not getting any better for us as well; still researching a new EHR system as the one they have will not be supported soon, demos of new systems are occurring in May or June, limiting the search to companies that will not require big capital outlay; he mentioned the PERS problems - costs them \$35,000 - \$40,000 every two weeks (i.e. the 22 % match the employer is required to make); he talked about a 340B pharmacy program which will help toward saving money on employee health plan, he mentioned that this year so far there have been 4 positions eliminated by not filling when people have resigned or retired; there have been 2 cyber threats/attacks in the last few weeks - no data has been lost - IT security has been strengthened; health fair is this Saturday April 24 and the hospital will be participating in a disaster drill on April 29.

School Board President **Barb Jewell** reported they have begun budget meetings, they are still anticipating anywhere for \$100k - \$192k cut from the legislature, in terms of foundation funding.

4. Student Council Representative Report - **Cori Pegau** reported that it is competition time, music students leave tomorrow at 4am for regionals (one of only 2 music events each year), robotics club is at internationals in Dallas, TX right now and Future Problems Solvers have state competition coming up, to be held in Cordova this year.

G. Approval of Consent Calendar

Mayor Koplín declared the consent calendar was before the City Council.

5. Resolution 04-17-10 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, approving application to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for a Commissioner's permit for Tanner Crab

6. Resolution 04-17-11 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, establishing April 2017 as child abuse prevention and awareness month

7. Resolution 04-17-12 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, declaring April 2017 as sexual assault awareness month in Cordova

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

H. Approval of Minutes

M/Burton S/Allison to approve the minutes.

8. Minutes of 04-05-17 Council Public Hearing

10. Minutes of 04-05-17 Council Regular Meeting

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

I. Consideration of Bids - none

J. Reports of Officers

11. Mayor's Report - *Mayor Koplín* said he attended Arctic Encounter and the congressional delegation was there as was a cruise ship operator who seemed very interested in setting up shop in Cordova. Un-cruise - Captain Dan Blanchard hopes to start coming to Cordova in 2019. The Pacific Fisheries Legislative Task Force will be meeting in Cordova on July 28 - **Senator Gary Stevens** is a member of that group - about 10 members from 5 states (CA, WA, ID, OR, AK). *Mayor Koplín* said he would be in DC for the next couple of weeks promoting such projects as South Harbor replacement and Crater Lake Water and Power Project.

12. Manager's Report - *Lanning* said he'd be bringing a narrative of the strategic plan with a resolution that he hopes Council will adopt at their next meeting. He said we will be picking off the priorities out of the plan and start discussions about those in work sessions ahead of the next several regular meetings - like tonight's Crater Lake discussion. Other such topics: exemptions and taxes, CCMC model and how that's progressing, comprehensive rate analyses which are being prepared by staff, chamber of commerce partnership, Odiak Camper Park expansion/ 5 mile camping, waste oil project, etc.

- Cordova Center bird mitigation status report to Council

13. City Clerk's Report - *Bourgeois* reported that there had been 22 total appeals to assessed valuations. All were worked out between appellant and assessor so there was no BOE on Monday April 17. Next two steps will be certifying the roll by June 1 and setting the mill rate by June 15. She reminded Council about the training session on Tuesday April 25 at 5:30 pm.

14. Staff Quarterly Reports - First Quarter 2017

- Harbormaster *Tony Schinella* - Cordova Port and Harbor
- City Fire Marshal *Paul Trumblee* - CVFD
- Director *Susan Herschleb* - Parks & Recreation Department
- PWD/City Engineer *Rich Rogers* - Public Works Department
- UBS Financial, *Chad Adams* - City Investments
- Information Services Director *Cathy Sherman*, Museum, PIO, Library, IT, Cordova Center

K. Correspondence

15. 02-15-17 BDO letter to Council re 2016 Audit

16. 03-17-17 Mayor letter to Senator Murkowski re NE17

17. 04-03-17 Russin letter re Adams Street sidewalks

18. 04-03-17 USDA/USFS News Release re Trail Stewardship Act

19. 04-12-17 Mayor letter to Murkowski et al re Secure Rural Schools funding

20. 04-12-17 Mayor letter re Sound Alternatives prevention resource manual support

21. 04-12-17 Mayor letter to Murkowski et al re Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program funding

22. 04-12-17 Email thanks from Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program

L. Ordinances and Resolutions - none

M. Unfinished Business

23. Council right to protest renewal of a liquor license - #s 277 & 278, Cordova Hotel & Bar and Liquor Store

Bourgeois explained that there is an alternative motion Council could consider instead of simply making a motion to protest the renewal, the City Attorney further explored Statute and advised that Council could opt to recommend renewal with conditions and the City could set the conditions.

M/Hallquist S/Burton to recommend that the board approve the renewal subject to the condition that all delinquent sales tax accounts with the City are paid in full by September 15, 2017.

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

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

24. USDA Landfill Closure Grant, Council direction to staff

Bourgeois mentioned that this was more of a report to staff on something being worked on currently. She said she may have inadvertently called this an action item. *Lanning* said they are moving forward with this grant he just wanted council to be aware of it. A short discussion ensued with PWD *Rich Rogers*. He mentioned that what will need to be capped next summer is one cell that we have been filling for 16 or 17 years. Once the last bale is placed, we will have 90 days to cap that cell. We have lots of future capacity - can only go to a certain elevation with each cell. Per DEC permit we have begun another cell. *Mayor Koplín* asked what arm of USDA this was being sought from - *Rogers* said it was RDA - rural development association. *Koplín* wrote that down for his upcoming trip to DC.

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

It was reiterated that after May we may go to one meeting a month schedule, *Alan* said to plan on a work session before each regular meeting at least to get through budget.

O. Audience Participation

Barb Jewell and *Nicole Songer* thanked Council for approving Resolutions 04-17-11 and 04-17-12.

Tommy Sheridan of the Fisheries Development Committee, thanked Council for approval of Resolution 04-17-10.

P. Council Comments

Wiese thanked people for showing up, including the Council members, he encouraged people to fill out the survey as asked by Barb and Nicole. He went to the pool yesterday and the LED lights look great in there. He wondered also about the need to refill the vacant positions in public safety, maybe something council should consider.

Jones thanked people for being here tonight.

Hallquist thanked people for coming and thanked *Cathy Sherman* for keeping the peace at the spit.

Beedle said he appreciates how the roads and sidewalks are looking, nice and clean.

Burton also appreciated everyone showing up and thanked *Scot Mitchell* for his report to Council.

Guard seconded the audience participation accolades.

Q. Adjournment

M/Burton S/Wiese to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Approved: May 3, 2017

Attest: 
Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

