Regular City Council Meeting  
April 20, 2016 @ 7:00 pm  
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B  
Minutes

A. Call to order  
Mayor Clay Koplin called the Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on April 20, 2016 in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Invocation and pledge of allegiance  
Mayor Clay Koplin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll call  
Present for roll call were Mayor Clay Koplin and Council members James Burton, Tom Bailer, Robert Beedle and David Allison. Council member Tim Joyce was present via teleconference. Council members Josh Hallquist and James Wiese were absent. Also present were City Manager Randy Robertson and City Clerk Susan Bourgeois.

D. Approval of Regular Agenda  
M/Burton S/Bailer to approve the Regular Agenda.  
Vote on the motion: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Hallquist, Wiese). Motion approved.

E. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest - none

F. Communications by and Petitions from Visitors  
1. Guest Speakers - John Bitney reported on the latest from Juneau - they are still in session - it’s a continuation, day 93. Use of the Permanent Fund, oil tax credits bill, the budget are all still being worked on. City of Anchorage still pressuring for a bond package for port project - if that happens, it might be last - and Cordova will still push to get into that. Increases to fisheries taxes, motor fuels taxes, etc. - likelihood is that may be discussed in a special session. Municipal assistance program still being considered, PCE credits being restructured for that. Joyce asked if PCE credit will be effected – Bitney said it will not. Mayor Koplin said that Council and the public should know that the LIO email list is great and can keep you up to date on Juneau and the ability to comment, give public testimony etc.  
2. Audience comments regarding agenda items  
Kevin Quinn, owner operator of Points North for almost 20 years, gave City Council an overview of his efforts over the past 10+ years to acquire more permits from the USFS to expand the area he uses for heli-skiing. He thanked Council for the resolution tonight as it could assist his efforts.  
Alicia Jensen has an item on the agenda about her business that was approved in January. The food truck was supposed to be 25 feet in length it has come back at 27 and she would appreciate if Council could approve the exception for her.  
3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions  
Harbor Commission - Beedle had nothing to report.  
Allison said that the HSB met last week and there are financial concerns again. CEO candidates have been interviewed and the board hasn’t yet finalized a decision.  
4. Student Council Representative Report - they were not present

G. Approval of Consent Calendar  
Mayor Koplin declared the consent calendar before Council.  
Council member Beedle called out item 5 and Mayor Koplin added it as item 13a.  
5. Resolution 04-16-18 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska in support of helicopter skiing in the Chugach National Forest near Cordova, Alaska

6. Council allowance of change to mobile food truck length, Old Squaw, LLC  
7. Council confirmation of CVFD election of officers for 2016

Vote on the consent calendar: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent. Wiese-absent; Joyce-yes; Beedle-yes; Hallquist-absent; Allison-yes; Burton-yes and Bailer-yes. Consent Calendar was approved.

H. Approval of Minutes  
M/Burton S/Bailer to approve the minutes.
8. Minutes of 04-06-16 Regular Council Meeting
Vote on the motion: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Hallquist, Wiese). Motion approved.

I. Consideration of Bids - none

J. Reports of Officers
9. Mayor’s Report - Mayor Koplin added a few items to his written report. He commended the City Manager for implementing the policy concerning animals on City property, in vehicles, etc. The policy has been distributed to staff. He mentioned the one meeting per month summer schedule and wanted Council to be thinking that way as summer approaches. He also encouraged Council to avail themselves for the training being offered May 3 & 4. Mayor Koplin said that AIGCO has asked for a work session with Council and they have sent a non-disclosure agreement ahead of that but it’s a little sticky. He suggested that the manager could execute that but it might not be appropriate for a whole body to do so. Mayor Koplin presented a proclamation of appreciation to all of those involved in the Alaska Shield exercise - he presented it to Dick Groff as a representative of the first responders as Robertson read the proclamation aloud.

Allison asked the Mayor if in his report he was requesting Council concurrence in appointing Mike Anderson to the Southeast Conference’s transportation committee. Mayor Koplin did ask for that.

M/Allison S/Beedle to concur with Mayor Koplin’s appointment of Mike Anderson to serve as Cordova representative to the Southeast Conference’s transportation committee.
Vote on the motion: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Hallquist, Wiese). Motion approved.

10. Manager’s Report - Robertson said that in the staff reports he had asked for dollar amount to be tacked on to the building permits and if you think about that he said there are some $3 million worth of projects going on right now across the City - he said with a downturned state economy, etc. that’s not too bad for Cordova. He said he had an out-brief with Michelle, the lead with BDO (City auditor’s), and so far things are good but still early on in the process. Robertson said the road project has begun, down at the Harbor. Robertson commended Schinella on the work done on G float.

Robertson also wanted on the record the resolution from last year that clearly demonstrated that the City devoted $225K to the CT Scanner purchase. He said it was a placeholder at the time but now the hospital is ready to pay for that item so he wanted to ensure Council the visibility of it and to say that he will be turning that money over unless he hears something different at this time from Council. Allison said he had a comment, and a question for the Council members about this item. He wanted to know if it would be agreeable to this group to authorize the lease for the CT Scanner and then turn around and use the $225K for other accounts payable items. Beedle commented and then Bailie, Joyce and Burton concurred that the resolution was specific and that money was intended for the CT Scanner. Allison also agreed with that.

a. Staff Quarterly Reports
   i. Harbor, Harbormaster Tony Schinella
   ii. Police, Chief Mike Hicks
   iii. Information Services/Museum/Library
      Technology Leader, Jason Gabrielson
      Library Director, Miriam Dunbar
   iv. Public Works, Director Rich Rogers
   v. Parks and Recreation, Director Susan Herschleb
   vi. Finance, Director Jon Stavig
   vii. City Investments, Buck Adams, UBS Financial
   viii. Cordova Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Marshal Paul Trumble

11. City Clerk’s Report, Bourgeois said that at Pending Agenda she would be discussing the times that have been set for Council training and a Community Forum on marijuana regulations coming up in early May.

K. Correspondence
12. Letter from Governor Walker to Mayor Koplin re Election victory 03-21-16
13. Letter from Mayor Koplin to ADF&G Comm. et al, regarding Tanner Crab meeting, 04-06-16

L. Ordinances and Resolutions
13a. 5. Resolution 04-16-18 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska in support of helicopter skiing in the Chugach National Forest near Cordova, Alaska

M/Allison S/Bailer to approve Resolution 04-16-18 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska in support of helicopter skiing in the Chugach National Forest near Cordova, Alaska.
Beedle was unclear as to whether this would help Points North or not because it seemed generic and not specific to his business. Mayor Koplin reiterated some of what he mentioned earlier, that the USFS asked for such a resolution. Mr. Quinn had already thanked the Council for the resolution in the packet and was in support of it. The other Council members understood and were in support. Beedle thought the resolution could work against Mr. Quinn and Points North he made a motion to postpone this until there was more information. There was no second to his motion so it died and Mayor Koplin said if there was no further new information, he’d take the vote.

Vote on the motion: 4 yeas, 1 nay (Beedle), 2 absent (Hallquist, Wiese). Motion approved.

M. Unfinished Business - none

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

14. Pending Agenda, Calendar, Elected & Appointed Officials lists

Bourgeois mentioned the calendar of upcoming events. Council concurred that May 3 work session with the attorney for two specific items: training and HSB governance would be at 5:30 pm and then it would be continued if necessary on May 4 at 6pm for one hour previous to the regular meeting that night. Mayor Koplin reminded everyone that he would be on vacation so Vice Mayor Baier would be handling those meetings. Allison also mentioned the need for a short Council special meeting on April 27 - 5:45 pm which is 15 minutes ahead of an HSB meeting at 6pm that same night. Allison said there doesn’t appear to be a Council representative to the School Board and he said he would gladly attend those and report to Council as he is often at those meetings anyway. Council concurred that it was a voluntary attendance.

O. Audience Participation - none

P. Council Comments

Allison said he met with the auditors and she was pleased with the audit, said much better than previous years - she said the extra staff we hired on to do the year end work were very helpful. He said US News and World Report ranked Cordova High School #1 in the state. Beedle said that problem solvers will be going to internationals and the music kids have gone to state. Joyce was of the opinion that the one meeting per month schedule begins in June not May. Also he said if the CEO of CCMC and the City Manager and chair of the HSB are in discussions, they should be cc’ing the rest of the board on some of that too, for transparency.

Others opined that any of that could get to the rest of the board through Faith or the CEO but not directly from the chair of the board.

Q. Executive Session

M/Baier S/Beedle to go into an executive session to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the government specifically the ATS 1004 RFP.

15. ATS 1004 RFP

Vote on the motion: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Hallquist, Wiese). Motion approved.

At 8:20 pm Mayor Koplin called a five minute recess to clear the room. Robertson asked for Schinella and Greenwood to be in attendance at the executive session.

Council entered the executive session at 8:23 pm and was back in open session at 9:21 pm.

M/Allison S/Burton to direct the Manager to proceed as was discussed in the executive session.

Vote on the motion: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Hallquist, Wiese). Motion approved.

R. Adjournment

M/Baier S/Allison to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Attest: ____________________________
Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk