

Regular City Council Meeting
May 2, 2018 @ 7:00 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B
Minutes

A. Call to order

Vice Mayor David Allison called the Council regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm on May 2, 2018, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Invocation and pledge of allegiance

Vice Mayor Allison led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll call

Present for roll call were Council members *James Burton, Ken Jones, Jeff Guard, Melina Meyer, Anne Schaefer* and *David Allison*. *Mayor Clay Koplín* and Council member *James Wiese* were absent. Also present were City Manager *Alan Lanning* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

D. Approval of Regular Agenda

M/Burton S/Jones to approve the Regular Agenda.

Council made 2 slight edits to the agenda, on agenda item 6 *Mayor Koplín* was added as an excused absence on that date and item 18, the executive session would not be required tonight.

Vote on the motion as amended: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Wiese). Motion was approved.

E. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

Jones said that *Heidi Wiese* contacted him about buying direct market halibut from him for her business. He didn't believe this was a conflict but wanted to disclose it. *Vice Mayor Allison* agreed that he did not believe it was a conflict, but he allowed Council to declare this otherwise, there was no comment from any of the other Council members.

F. Communications by and Petitions from Visitors

1. Guest Speakers - none

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items

Wendy Ranney 2500 Orca Road, spoke to agenda item 14, her correspondence in the packet and reiterated her concern about the Crater Lake project. Her comments were that the fatal flaw of the project is the unacceptable risks to life and property.

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

Barb Jewell, School Board President, mentioned that graduation is a few weeks away, she mentioned that acceptances for post-high school plans for the graduating class were looking robust and varied. She said the K-4 and MS/HS music concerts were just these last few days; both were great successes. She said the School Board has been working on budget, they've been conducting work sessions, must get a budget to the state by July 15. They should be voting on a budget at their June meeting. They are basing the budget a great deal on the comments from students, parents, community members, gathered at the strategic planning that "Outside the Lines" conducted. Staffing looks stable for next year, contracts are signed, people are staying, student numbers look stable which helps with budgeting. Cabaret is Tuesday, May 8 at the Cordova Center.

4. Student Council Representative Report - student council rep was not present

G. Approval of Consent Calendar

Vice Mayor Allison declared the consent calendar was before the City Council.

5. Council approval of use permit to except alcohol for Arts & Pageants for Salmon Jam

6. Record excused absence of *Mayor Clay Koplín* and Council member *James Burton* from the April 18, 2018 regular meeting

Vote on the consent calendar: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. Meyer-yes; Jones-yes; Schaefer-yes; Guard-yes; Allison-yes; Wiese-absent and Burton-yes. Consent Calendar was approved.

H. Approval of Minutes

M/Burton S/Jones to approve the minutes.

7. Minutes of the April 4, 2018 Council Regular Meeting

Vote on the motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Wiese). Motion was approved.

I. Consideration of Bids - none

J. Reports of Officers

8. Mayor's Report - **Mayor Koplín** was not present but had a report in the packet.

9. Manager's Report - City Manager **Alan Lanning** reported there was a water line break earlier today, out by the Powder House. It has been repaired and the water is back on. He said **Cathy Sherman** (PIO) has been putting out good information on that, the crews did a great job patching it up, final repairs will need to be done later. The comprehensive plan RFP is being reviewed and also one for the Tiger grant bid. He will have a budget amendment for next Council meeting to determine involvement and at what price of the next step of the Crater Lake project that has been talked about. In June there will be a Homeland Security training session - **Joanie** has been asking for this and as Council you are the ultimate responsible party, he'll slate 2 hours for this before the second June regular meeting.

10. City Clerk's Report

11. Staff Quarterly Reports - 1Q 2018

- a. Cordova Police Department, **Mike Hicks**, Chief of Police
- b. Information Services Department, **Cathy Sherman**, Director
- c. Public Works Department, **Rich Rogers**, PE, Director
- d. Cordova Center, **Cathy Sherman**, Info Services Director

K. Correspondence

12. DoT Director's Quarterly, Spring 2018 Southcoast Region

13. 04-13-18 Mayor letter supporting Jones Act waiver to support UnCruise

14. 04-17-18 W. Ranney email and letter re Crater Lake water & power project

15. 04-20-18 Mayor letter supporting HB's 76 & 128 re mariculture

L. Ordinances and Resolutions

16. Resolution 05-18-11 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, approving the license for a mobile restaurant for Heidi Wiese, dba *Homegrown*

M/Schaefer S/Guard to approve Resolution 05-18-11 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, approving the license for a mobile restaurant for Heidi Wiese, dba *Homegrown*.

Schaefer said she thinks it'll be great to have another food choice in town. She likes the focus on locally sourced proteins. **Guard** wondered if we need to amend this to except her food truck's dimensions since they are not within the code requirements. **Bourgeois** recommended that Council do that.

Council opted to ask the Clerk to make that change - they would approve this now knowing the change will be included in the language of the resolution. **Guard** also wondered if we shouldn't change that code to get rid of the dimensions altogether. Other Council members agreed and directed the City Manager to bring an ordinance for that Code change.

Vote on the motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. Allison-yes; Schaefer-yes; Guard-yes; Meyer-yes; Wiese-absent; Burton-yes and Jones-abstains-which counts as a yes. Motion was approved.

M. Unfinished Business

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

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

Code change to be forthcoming as mentioned in the last agenda item. **Allison** asked when Crater Lake would come up again. **Lanning** said it would be on the next meeting agenda. **Allison** asked that for the sake of the public comment from earlier - he let her know it could be acted upon at the next meeting. As far as strategic planning - **Lanning** said when budget work sessions start up this summer, that will be a good time to tackle strategic planning items as well. **Jones** mentioned a sport fishermen led initiative to get an emergency item on a board of fish meeting. He thought we should consider a resolution of support for the hatcheries as that is what their initiative was targeting. This might need to be done sooner than initially thought - **Jones** and **Burton** thought if the **Mayor** could contact someone at Board of Fish or Fish & Game maybe to get more info. The claim is that the pink salmon in the sound are effecting the Kenai River Red run. **Lanning** said he would get with the **Mayor** on this item.

O. Audience Participation - none

P. Council Comments

Jones thanked everyone for participating and for the quick meeting.

Schaefer reminded people to get out and vote on May 15.

Meyer appreciated the City's notifications about the water problem and also the quick fix.

Q. Executive Session

18. Legal matter Beecher update

Earlier at approval of agenda this item was removed from tonight' agenda for lack of new information.

R. Adjournment

M/Burton S/Jones to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection Vice Mayor Allison adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.

Approved: May 16, 2018

Attest: 
Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

