

**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**May 3, 2017 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B**  
**Minutes**

**A. Call to order**

*Vice Mayor Josh Hallquist* called the Council regular meeting to order at 7:04 pm on May 3, 2017, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

**B. Invocation and pledge of allegiance**

*Vice Mayor Hallquist* led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Roll call**

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

**D. Approval of Regular Agenda**

*M/Allison S/Guard* to approve the Regular Agenda.

Vote on the motion: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Burton, Beedle). Motion was approved.

**E. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest - none**

**F. Communications by and Petitions from Visitors**

1. Guest Speakers - none

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items - none

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

Harbor Commission – there will be a meeting next Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>; CCMCABoD – there was no report; Parks & Rec – there was no report; P&Z meets next week on May 9<sup>th</sup>; School Board meets next week also on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

4. Student Council Representative Report – *Cori Pegau* was not present.

**G. Approval of Consent Calendar**

*Vice Mayor Hallquist* declared the consent calendar was before the City Council.

5. Resolution 05-17-13 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing: Cathy Sherman, Information Services Director; Susan Bourgeois, City Clerk; Clay Koplín, Mayor; Josh Hallquist, Vice-Mayor; and Samantha Greenwood, City Planner, to sign checks, vouchers, notes, other documents and have access to the safe deposit box as authorized by the City Council

6. Council confirmation of CVFD annual election of Chief and Deputy Chief

7. Council approval of use permit for alcohol for CRW Salmon Festival

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

**H. Approval of Minutes**

*M/Allison S/Jones* to approve the minutes.

8. Minutes of 04-19-17 Council Regular Meeting

Vote on the motion: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Burton, Beedle). Motion was approved.

**I. Consideration of Bids - none**

**J. Reports of Officers**

9. Mayor's Report – *Mayor Koplín* said he has had a pretty busy couple of weeks in Washington DC for meetings. He has met with members of Alaska's congressional delegation at least three times each. Representative *Young's* office is working on the harbor upgrades – there is a chance to get it into one of two bills right now. We have some really strong advocates here that are aware of our needs and are very supportive. *Murkowski* and *Sullivan's* offices are working the issues of energy and health care. We have strong support from all three on the Secure Rural Schools issue and *Mayor Koplín* said he is cautiously optimistic that we will see some SRS funding come through this session. He mentioned he's also been working with Hospital Administrator *Scot Mitchell* on the American Health Care Act which is currently being considered in Washington – the way its worded now would be pretty negative for Cordova. He has meetings scheduled tomorrow with USDA and Department of Energy where he'll be promoting our projects.

10. Manager's Report - **Lanning** said he has been conferring with the Mayor as well and he has sent another packet on the Harbor project to a Senator from South Dakota on a committee that could be helpful to that project. On the next work session he hopes to get to the exemptions/exceptions, relating to discussions during the strategic planning meetings. Staff continues to work on work flow analyses and narratives that he has asked they have to him by June 1. Studying rates right now as well. Some positive news - 1<sup>st</sup> quarter numbers are in and general fund and the harbor enterprise fund are both at 25% - on track.

11. City Clerk's Report - **Bourgeois** reported that certification of the roll is an item later and she'll be able to answer questions if there are any at that time. She said the next step will be setting the mill rate - she'll bring that up at pending agenda, its often nice to have a full council in attendance for that important decision, it must be done by June 15 - she was thinking either May 17 or June 7 meeting.

#### **K. Correspondence**

12. 04-26-17 Letter from Bret Bradford re Lots 8 & 9, Odiak Park Subdivision

**Guard** asked about this RFP and whether we could pull it at this point. City Planner **Sam Greenwood** addressed the item and said that the RFP is closed at this point - we have received one proposal, it will be on the next P&Z meeting agenda then a recommendation will come to Council. **Bourgeois** mentioned that the writer of the letter of interest which began the process for the RFP on these lots did not, in fact, put in a proposal. The only proposal was a joint proposal put in by the 3 adjacent landowners.

#### **L. Ordinances and Resolutions**

13. Ordinance 1154 An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the transfer of \$240,500 from the general reserve fund for the purpose of bringing current, PERS obligations for CCMC

**M/Allison S/Guard** to adopt Ordinance 1154 an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the transfer of \$240,500 from the general reserve fund for the purpose of bringing current, PERS obligations for CCMC **Allison** said he would support for first reading and maybe there will be an opportunity to look at other options to pay for it before second reading. He said this is an obligation toward our employees retirement account and it is not something to forego paying, regardless of how we feel about the state's handling of the PERS system. **Guard** mentioned how at the last meeting we put constraints on a business that is having tax issues and we can't very well say that the rules don't apply to us, these are obligations we must pay. **Wiese** commented that he is in support of this as well, he is happy with the management team, he is not interested in creating a situation for them that we will possibly lose this management team and the doctors we now have. **Hallquist** said that when Providence was here they looked at everything, got right into our books and after three years realized this was not a moneymaker, and left, that just goes to show that we will have to subsidize at some level. We pared down the actual ask they made at budget so we almost knew this might be coming. With the team in place we have to give them time to work on this - he thinks we are on the right path.

Vote on the motion: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Burton, Beedle). Motion was approved.

14. Resolution 05-17-14 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, adopting the Cordova strategic action plan emphasizing economic sustainability as the focused goal of the City Council

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**Lanning** said the Council has had 8 two hour sessions to come up with this. We decided on economic sustainability and then explored all the areas of importance. He presented it with written narrative as well as the actual strategic action plan. He said this is the path we are going to stay on. **Allison** said he would like to see this in writing, in front of them - this is a good plan to start with and it will be modified over the years. **Hallquist** said he supported this - it was a good exercise to get **Alan** to learn Cordova and there was lots of public input - he's glad to have the roadmap.

Vote on the motion: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Burton, Beedle). Motion was approved.

#### **M. Unfinished Business**

#### **N. New & Miscellaneous Business**

15. Approval of Tideland Permit for Trident Seafoods' Outfall Lines ATS 220

**M/Allison S/Jones** to approve the permit for Trident Seafoods for three outfall lines as contained in the staff report including the special conditions.

**Allison** said they've been using these for a long time, this seems to be more of a housekeeping issue than anything else. He said, obviously they will take care of their lines and other agencies are overseeing those lines. **Jones** and **Guard** said they are also supportive.

Vote on the motion: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Burton, Beedle). Motion was approved.

16. Certification of the 2017 Property Assessment Roll

*M/Allison S/Wiese* to certify the 2017 property assessment roll as present by the City Clerk's office.

*Allison* said the Clerk's office has done the math and put the numbers before us, I'll support it. *Wiese* commented that the taxable vs. exempt values are scary (i.e. about 50/50). *Bourgeois* mentioned that taxable is actually creeping up and is a higher percent than exempt by just a little bit this year. She said that was mainly 2 city properties that came down in value considerably - the old library/museum building as well as the ferry dock. *Bourgeois* continued that there will actually be tax collected (on a possessory interest value) on the old library/museum building this year as it is now leased.

Vote on the motion: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Burton, Beedle). Motion was approved.

17. Bird Mitigation Proposal - this was informational at this time unless Council wanted this brought back for action, however, there is no current funding for this. *Hallquist* appreciated Carlos getting this proposal in, it's something we should think about, maybe for next year - it's a reasonable proposal.

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

*Bourgeois* mentioned that FDC will meet tomorrow night and they are working on a draft letter to the Governor and ADF&G Commissioner, they may ask Council to send that letter so we should schedule a Special Meeting - it is a time-sensitive letter. Council opted for a noon Friday meeting, May 5.

*Lanning* mentioned that he would start working on a marijuana ordinance so we could start taxing it.

*Allison* mentioned the setting of the mill rate - it was decided that we would do that at the June 7 meeting, per *Lanning's* request. *Hallquist* asked what the next work session topic would be - *Lanning* said sales tax exemptions.

#### O. Audience Participation

*Lee Holter* from CCMC reported on happenings at CCMC - the two permanent doctors are in place but also there are 3 permanent nurses and a fourth will be here in June. He also thanked Council for their support.

*Greg Meyer* of 1 Cannery Row - said he appreciates the support and leeway that Council has given the new manager in doing the strategic plan.

#### P. Council Comments

*Wiese* offered a special thanks to *Rob Mattson* for his commitment and dedication to the CVFD - been in there since 1990, pretty phenomenal.

*Jones* thanked people for being here tonight. He said he'd be on the phone for the next few months meetings during fishing season.

*Allison* thanks to everyone for coming out, listening and giving input - he offered a special shout out to the radio personnel that make this available on KLAM for people.

*Guard* seconded the audience participation accolades and thanked staff and other Council members for helping those of us through who still have training wheels on.

*Hallquist* thanked *Mayor Koplín* for his trip to Washington and for putting out the good word for Cordova there.


#### Q. Adjournment

*M/Allison S/Jones* to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Approved: May 17, 2017

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

