

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 19, 2010 @ 7:00 PM
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James Kallander called the Council public hearing to order at 7:04 pm on May 19, 2010 in the Library Meeting Room.

B. ROLL CALL

Present for roll call were *Mayor James Kallander*, Council members *EJ Cheshier*, *David Allison*, *Bret Bradford*, *David Reggiani*, *James Kacsh*, and *Robert Beedle*. Absent from the meeting was Council member *Keith van den Broek*. Also present were City Manager *Mark Lynch* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

C. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance 1066

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, approving property described as part of ATS 1004 zoned to waterfront industrial.

Mayor Kallander opened the meeting up for public comment.

Mary Anne Bishop, 406 4th St., spoke against Ordinance 1066, and urged the Council to vote no. She read a letter that she submitted to the City Clerk.

Julie Reynolds, 412 1st St., urged Council to vote no on Ordinance 1066. She referenced that she used the area for recreation, and would like to maintain the natural settings.

Adam Low, 614 3rd St., urged the Council to vote no on Ordinance 1066. He stated that he had met with Mr. Avezac a year ago, and did some research on AIGCO. He is leery of their organization.

Jennifer Gibbons, Browning St., urged the Council to do due diligence in deciding if and where a gas company should be placed. She thought that the Council needed more open dialogue with the public.

Connie Benell, 02-041-400 Orca Rd., urged Council to vote no on Ordinance 1066. She stated that the City had invested a large amount of money into that area for tourism infrastructure, and putting in a gas utility would directly contradict their past works. She would also like Council to fulfill their promise of having work sessions.

Clay Koplín, 6.5 mile CRH, stated that he supported the City creating more waterfront space, given the City's positive track-record. However, the current area being discussed is more difficult because of conflicting uses and zones. He stated that the City could make the area better by improving the

existing conservation area. He also thought that the zoning map needed to be cleaned up. He would like more of a comprehensive approach.

Danny Carpenter, 507 4th St., stated that he was concerned about how fast the process was moving forward. He thought that the Council should slow down, and consider other areas. He stated that they have spent almost half a million to improve that area for recreation and tourism, so he would like Council to look at alternative sites.

Steve Witsoe, 816 Orca Rd., stated that he was opposed to Ordinance 1066 because it would affect him directly being that he lived nearby. He would like Council to slow down and discuss what the driving force is behind the zone change.

D. ADJOURNMENT

M/Reggiani S/Bradford to adjourn the public hearing.

Vote on motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Keith van den Broek). Motion carried.

Mayor Kallander adjourned the public hearing at 7:30 pm.

Approved: June 2, 2010

Attest: *Erika Empey*
Erika Empey, Deputy City Clerk

