

**Special City Council Meeting
May 24, 2019 @ 6:00 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B
Minutes**

A. Call to order

Mayor Clay Koplín called the Council Special Meeting to order at 6:00 pm on May 24, 2019 in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Roll call

Present for roll call were *Mayor Clay Koplín* and Council members *Tom Bailer*, *David Allison* and *David Glasen*. Council members *Ken Jones* and *Melina Meyer* were present via teleconference. Council members *Jeff Guard* and *Anne Schaefer* were absent. Also present were City Manager *Alan Lanning* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

C. Approval of agenda

M/Allison S/Bailer to approve the agenda.

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

D. Disclosures of conflicts of interest - none

E. Communications by and petitions from visitors

1. Audience Comments regarding agenda item

Tammy Altermott of 811 Woodland Drive read a statement from *Sheryl Glasen* in support of Resolution 05-19-22.

Tammy Altermott of 811 Woodland Drive made her own comments in support of Resolution 05-19-22.

Pete Hoepfner of Lot 10 Saddle Point Drive made comments in support of Resolution 05-19-22.

Barb Jewell of Mile 2.2 Whitshed Road made comments in support of Resolution 05-19-22.

Alex Russin of 209 S. Second Street, superintendent, made comments in support of Resolution 05-19-22.

F. New business

2. Direction to City Manager to negotiate with Day Night Construction to complete Bidarki Roof Repair per #PR 19-02.

M/Allison S/Glasen to direct the City Manager to negotiate with Day Night Construction to complete Bidarki Roof Repair per #PR 19-02.

Allison said that insurance is paying for new roof. *Bailer* suggested that as this is the 3rd or 4th roof repair, whoever is overseeing the project talk with other local contractors to make sure it is done right.

Vote on the motion: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent. Glasen-yes; Jones-yes; Meyer-yes; Allison-yes; Bailer-yes; Schaefer-absent; and Guard-absent. Motion was approved.

3. Resolution 05-19-22 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, establishing the level of local funding and approving the budget of the Cordova Public School District for the fiscal year ending in June 30, 2020.

M/Allison S/Glasen to approve Resolution 05-19-22 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, establishing the level of local funding and approving the budget of the Cordova Public School District for the fiscal year ending in June 30, 2020.

Allison said that this level of funding is equal to that of highest budgets in the last 10 year. He requested to see the school district's audit before committing to next year's funding, but believes the city is adequately funding the school and supports the resolution. *Glasen* said he believes the school needs more than the bare minimum.

M/Glasen S/Bailer to amend the amount appropriated for the Cordova Public School District from \$1,750,000 to \$1,950,000.

Glasen said he believes the school is asking for what they need. *Bailer* said he agrees and that certain programs may need to be looked at in the future but for now he is supporting the amendment. *Meyer* said she does not support this amendment at this time as they do not know where the money will come from. She would not feel comfortable raising the mill rate without consulting the community. *Jones* supports funding the schools the extra \$200,000 but not amending this year's budget to do it. *Mayor Koplín* and City Manager *Lanning* clarified that the funding obligation would have to come out of this year's budget. *Allison* said that \$906,000 had already been appropriated and no more could be appropriated until they did next year's budget, and that he did not support the amendment. *Jones* said that voting for the unamended \$1,750,00 is appropriating future funds, so he doesn't see why the amount can not be raised.

Vote on the amendment: 3 yeas, 2 nays, 1 absent. Glasen-yes; Jones-yes; Meyer-no; Allison-no; Bailer-yes; Schaefer-absent and Guard-absent. Motion was approved

Meyer and *Jones* agreed that plans for raising revenues should be discussed during their 2020 budget draft meeting.

Vote on the motion as amended: 4 yeas, 1 nays, 2 absent. Glasen-yes; Jones-yes; Meyer-yes; Allison-no; Bailer-yes; Schaefer-absent and Guard-absent. Motion was approved.

4. Resolution 05-19-23 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the City of Cordova to amend the FY19 budget in the amount of \$15,465.

M/Allison S/Bailer to approve Resolution 05-19-23 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the City of Cordova to amend the FY19 budget in the amount of \$15,465.

M/Meyer S/Bailer to amend Resolution 05-19-23 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, from the total proposed amount for Bidarki Roof Replacement in the FY19 budget from \$155,200 to \$115,200 per a typo.

Vote on the amendment: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Guard, Schaefer). Motion was approved.

Vote on the motion as amended: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Guard, Schaefer). Motion was approved.

G. Audience participation

Tammy Altermott thanked the Council for considering the school's budget.

Pete Hoepfner thanked the Council for supporting education.

Lila Koplín expressed concern for how the extra money for the school would impact the city's budget.

Barb Jewell thanks the board for their support and urged them to continue to ask questions about the school's budget.

Mayor Koplín suggested that the Council look at new ways for the community to support the schools without it being at the expense of other budgets.

H. Council comments

Jones said he appreciated everyone taking the time to meet, apologized for not being there, and clarified that this additional money would come from next year's budget.

Meyer thanked everyone for being there and hope to find create solutions for raising revenues.

Allison expressed appreciation for everyone coming out, following up that he supports the schools and hopes that the community will too when tax resolutions go to vote. He asked the school to look seriously into tax credits.

Glasen thanked everyone who came to made comments and said that they will need to find effective tax increases.

Bailer said that the majority of the tax will probably come from property owners, and that the school board would need to help sell tax increases to the community.

I. Adjournment

M/Allison S/Glasen to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm

Approved: February 5, 2020

Attest: 
Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

