

**City Council Public Hearing**  
**June 1, 2016 @ 6:45 pm**  
**Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B**  
**Minutes**

**A. Call to order**

*Mayor Clay Koplín* called the Council public hearing to order at 6:45 pm on June 1, 2016, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

**B. Roll call**

Present for roll call were *Mayor Clay Koplín* and Council members *Tim Joyce, Tom Bailer, Josh Hallquist, David Allison* and *James Wiese*. Council members *James Burton* and *Robert Beedle* were absent. Also present were City Manager *Randy Robertson* and Deputy City Clerk *Tina Hammer*.

**C. Public hearing**

1. Ordinance 1146 An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, amending Cordova municipal code chapter 8.40 entitled "marijuana establishments" to prohibit marijuana establishment operations within the City of Cordova until January 1, 2017, to add definitions for regulating the marijuana industry within the city, and to add enforcement and penalty procedures and repealing Cordova municipal code chapter 8.44 entitled "prohibited acts regarding marijuana" and integrating the prohibitions and definitions from chapter 8.44 into chapter 8.40 of the code

2. Resolution 06-16-22 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, setting the mill rate for the 2016 tax year

*Mayor Koplín* opened the hearing up for public comment on Ordinance 1146 and/or Resolution 06-16-22.

*Janet Elisovsky* of Seventh Street in Cordova spoke against legalized marijuana in Cordova. She voted against it and says a drug is a drug is a drug. She said the police officers need more help - citizens must help. There is a drug problem in Cordova.

*Gabriel Scott* of 612 Fourth Street said he agrees there is a drug problem and far and away he believes it is with alcohol; drinking and driving, drinking and driving boats, etc. He thinks legalized marijuana is helpful, it takes away the stigma, like alcohol. He thinks legalized marijuana puts drug dealers out of business; makes it so that marijuana users don't have to buy from criminals, they can go to a legal establishment. He hopes Council will not pass the ordinance that was overwhelmingly approved by the voters.

*Nick Barshay* of the slough house, spoke against the passage of the ordinance - he said the people of Alaska voted it in and in Cordova the vote was 445 to 250 also in support. He opined that the elected officials are costing us a great revenue source by doing this. As far as the mill rate setting resolution he thinks the Council should weigh the increased revenues that were promised by the building of the Cordova Center and also the lost revenue due to the stalling over marijuana. He mentioned snow removal budget which must be down and also the energy budget which was also probably down.

*Alice Grimwood* said she appreciated Council taking the time to think through all of the laws and regulations about marijuana before jumping in. She was in favor of the ordinance.

*Cully Merritt* of 808 Lake Avenue spoke about the mill rate resolution: she said she hoped there could be a way to not penalize the year-round residents of Cordova. She wished there was a way that the summer-only people could help pay the burden.

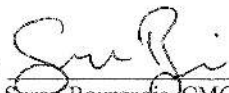
**D. Adjournment**

*M/Allison S/Joyce* to adjourn the Public Hearing

Hearing no objection, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:02 pm

Approved: July 6, 2016

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

