

Regular City Council Meeting
June 6, 2018 @ 7:00 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B
Minutes

A. Call to order

Mayor Clay Koplín called the Council regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm on June 6, 2018, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Invocation and pledge of allegiance

Mayor Koplín led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll call

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

D. Approval of Regular Agenda

M/Allison S/Meyer to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

E. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

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
 - a. CCMC Authority 2018 more detailed budget document

Scot Mitchell, CCMC Authority CEO, reported that: 1) there was never an issue of whether the hospital was going to close, he's been working on this telecom bill/reimbursement (FCC and a federal grant program) for over a year now, bids are already in to replace Alaska Communications as our telecom provider (we are under contract with them through November 2018); 2) the go-live date of August 1 for electronic health records on the hospital side - new system, will improve revenues, a lot of staff training goes into this; 3) UPS for the CT Scanner project is in the works, most of the equipment is here, hopefully will be able to flip the switch and protect the CT Scanner within a couple of weeks; 4) CCMC Authority Board elected **Gary Graham** as their new member to replace the departing **Amanda Wiese**, he will fill that seat until the March 2019 election - there is also a new vacancy with **Sally Bennett** leaving - hopefully to be filled at June meeting; 5) new interim CFO is **Lee Bennett**, he has been here a couple of times before.

Barb Jewell, School Board President, reported that: 1) second reading of their budget will be at next week's meeting; 2) asbestos has been found in the gym floor so abatement plan is being formulated - she appreciates council's contribution to the gym floor project.

4. Student Council Representative Report - summer break

G. Approval of Consent Calendar - none

H. Approval of Minutes

M/Allison S/Wiese to approve the minutes.

5. Minutes of the May 16, 2018 Council Regular Meeting

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

I. Consideration of Bids - none

J. Reports of Officers

6. Mayor's Report - **Mayor Koplín** gave a verbal report - he was in Fairbanks last week for a big event, a National Lab Day - 14 leaders of the National Laboratories were in attendance and 4 or 5 undersecretaries of the Department of Energy were also there. Cordova and work being done here was mentioned in many presentations, really good visibility for the community. He was able to invite some council members on Monday June 4, for a helicopter tour of the Crater Lake site, the helicopter became available last minute. CEC will be submitting a letter of interest on purchasing some city property where the current diesel plant is located. He will delve into the gross receipts tax option, he knows it has been looked into before, he thinks **Bitney** has looked at it recently for us as well. He mentioned that Copper River Nouveau is

this weekend. **Mayor Koplín** mentioned that there are still vacancies on the Planning Commission and on Parks and Recreation Commission - he encouraged the public to consider volunteering in such important roles for the City.

7. Manager's Report -City Manager **Alan Lanning** reported 1) he will be out of town from June 8-18, **Chief Hicks** will be acting manager while he is gone; 2) July 17, Tuesday evening, the state dam inspector will be here - 6pm presentation and a Q&A; 3) we've been invited to participate in a borough meeting in Girdwood, Valdez, Whittier and some smaller communities will be in attendance - June 20, he asked if any Council members wanted to attend, he'd make travel arrangements; 4) RFP's still out and we are struggling with personnel issues, Weston's job still being advertised.

Questions: **Guard** asked who is facilitating the borough meeting - **Mayor Koplín** responded that surprisingly it is the community of Girdwood, he doesn't believe they have ever been in the conversation before. **Allison** asked the status of the North Fill Boat launch ramp/dock. **Lanning** was unsure, he said he will provide an update. **Jones** asked the status of the Adams Street sidewalk project and the ADF&G corner road patching. **Greenwood** responded that Adams Street just went out to bid yesterday, awaiting a bid on asphalt when someone is doing some paving, unknown timeline on that.

8. City Clerk's Report - no report given.

K. Correspondence

L. Ordinances and Resolutions

9. Ordinance 1169 An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a ten year lease agreement with Saddle Point Machine LLC, which includes an option to purchase, described as Lot 3, Block 5, North Fill Development Park - 1st reading

M/Allison S/Guard to adopt Ordinance 1169 An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a ten year lease agreement with Saddle Point Machine LLC, which includes an option to purchase, described as Lot 3, Block 5, North Fill Development Park.

Allison said we have been through this several times, he thanked **Mr. Brown** for his willingness to invest in Cordova and he wished him well with his project.

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

10. Ordinance 1170 An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, amending Cordova Municipal Code 5.40.010 to adopt a one-half (1/2) percent increase to the sales tax levied by the City of Cordova

M/Guard S/Wiese to adopt Ordinance 1170 an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, amending Cordova Municipal Code 5.40.010 to adopt a one-half (1/2) percent increase to the sales tax levied by the City of Cordova

Guard said we are a little bit short on dollars after the referendum vote and he didn't believe the vote of the public was to cut the budget, it was just a vote against those specific taxes. **Jones** said he likes this idea better than other revenue ideas but he's still not sure if it is the best way to move forward, he's on the fence tonight. **Allison** is not in favor at this point in time, he'd like to leave this open for consideration for next year's budget discussions. He believes it might end up on the ballot again as the citizens have "anti-tax" sentiments on their mind currently. **Guard** reiterated that he is not in favor of taxes but he also believes that one year in to our low estimate for fish tax, we are using up the excess collected. He doesn't believe that is how that was supposed to work. **Jones** agreed with **Allison's** idea of not killing this tonight but perhaps referring it to staff to have it available during budget talks. **Wiese** opined if we pass this tonight we'll hear public comment before next reading, so he'll vote yes tonight. **Meyer** said the same - she really thought motor fuel was the way to spread it out, not an increase in sales tax, but she will vote in favor of this on first reading.

Vote on the motion: 3 yeas, 2 nays (Jones, Allison), 2 absent (Burton, Schaefer). Motion was approved.

11. Resolution 06-18-16 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, setting the mill rate for the 2018 tax year.

M/Allison S/Guard to approve resolution 06-18-16 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, setting the mill rate (11.81) for the 2018 tax year

Allison said this is the number we budgeted for, he will support it.

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

M. Unfinished Business - none

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

12. Council action on disposal and method of disposal for 1,203 s.f. on CHS campus

M/Allison S/Meyer to dispose of approximately 1,203 s.f. of instructional space in the Cordova Junior/Senior High School campus as outlined in Cordova Municipal Code 5.22.060 B 1. By negotiating an agreement with the University of Alaska to lease ~~or purchase~~ the property.

Allison said he supports this, it's been beneficial to town and the school district to have the college and it's worked out in this location for several years now. *Guard* wanted to ensure that we were discussing lease not sale. That is true, should read lease in the motion.

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

13. Council concurrence of **Mayor Koplín's** appointment to fill vacancies on the Library Board, Planning Commission & Parks & Rec Commission

M/Allison S/Wiese to concur with **Mayor Koplín's** appointment (*Sherman Powell*) to fill the vacancy on the Library Board.

Allison said we need to do some recruiting to get more volunteers for the other vacancies.

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

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

June 20 meeting about borough in Girdwood - *Meyer* said she could attend. July 17 - a potential dam safety community meeting. *Allison* advised that CTC holds meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month now.

O. Audience Participation - none

P. Council Comments

Wiese thanked everyone for coming and thanked **Sherman Powell** for stepping up to volunteer on the Library Board.

Guard - echoed the comments made.

Q. Executive Session

15. Union Contract negotiations update

M/Wiese S/Allison to go into an executive session to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the government specifically, a union contract negotiation update.

With no objection, the motion was approved and **Mayor Koplín** called for a 3-minute recess to clear the room at 7:41 pm.

Council entered the executive session at 7:43 pm.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:03 pm.

R. Adjournment

M/Guard S/Allison to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection Mayor Koplín adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Approved: August 15, 2018

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

