

**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**June 7, 2017 @ 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 7:05 pm on June 7, 2017, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

**B. Invocation and pledge of allegiance**

**Mayor Koplín**, in lieu of an invocation tonight, asked for a moment of silence to be observed to honor the recent losses of the **Johns** and **Merritt** families in Cordova. The audience and Council remained silent. **Mayor Koplín** thanked Council member **Wiese** for that suggestion. **Mayor Koplín** then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Roll call**

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

**D. Approval of Regular Agenda**

**M/Beedle S/Burton** to approve the Regular Agenda.

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. 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

**Cecelia Wiese** of 400 Railroad Row spoke in favor of Council approving the proposal that she was part of putting forward in agenda item 24.

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

CCMCABoD - **Scot Mitchell** reported: 1) 2016 audit of financial statements - haven't received the final reports yet - used a new firm this year, resulting in anticipated delays due to learning the intricacies of how things are done here; they are looking at making some significant changes in how previous years audits were done - ultimately it might impact the City's previous audits as well; 2) the 2016 cost report to Medicare/Medicaid has been submitted - as a result of all the great work done, in reducing costs, becoming more efficient, reducing staff, we had to pay Medicare \$144,000; 3) 12 of the existing 15 quality measures have been reported, for the first time, and we are top 4 in AK for some of the quality reports - just found that out today (so, we are doing some quality work - he thanked the staff for this) - now we will be able to show the quality of care being given at CCMC; 4) the Universal Services Fund is auditing us (they provide internet and telephone service) - customary audit, routinely, randomly picked hospitals/schools, etc.; 5) he has been holding monthly meetings with NVE/Ilanka Clinic - to rebuild trust between the two organizations - recently, they have come to an agreement to revive Sound Alternatives staff will go to Ilanka to provide some services there - very encouraging toward more collaboration in the future as well; 6) 340B pharmacy moving forward - pharmacist candidate will be on site for an interview, computer system is on site, minor renovations underway; the delay might be in getting licensure from state, DEA and purchasing of medications - the hope will be to have the pharmacy open in September; 7) billing and coding - we've gone to new company to handle both of these - past the 60 days then we should be seeing the savings - about \$9k/month - hope to increase cash flow, hope to have 80% of accounts less than 90 days old, currently we are at 55%; 8) we cut 9 positions last year and hope to now rehire for 3 positions this year. **Beedle** asked about the UPS for the cat scan - **Mitchell** said earliest to get it in place is 60 - 90 days - he's been working with GE, CEC and **Weston Bennett** at the City on the project.

P&R, Director **Susie Herschleb** mentioned that Parks & Rec will meet the last Tuesday of the month - they are focused on review of their master plan - also a rate analysis at Odiak Camper Park, they are pushing that for a summer conversation to get some of the tenants/users in to give input on future capital projects and things like that; also working on skaters cabin beach expansion - they'll be hoping for more donations to finish that project and primarily where the expansion is located will make that accessible to motorized access.

School Board President **Barb Jewell** reported that graduation went well, all the seniors graduated. She brought a draft budget to Council to show what School Board has been up to and so Council can look at theirs as they are looking at the City's. She wanted to note that like Council, the School Board is pulling more than \$500k out of their fund balance to

keep things in place; she said that is not a sustainable plan. She said she knows the city is contributing more than the minimum required amount and she appreciates that but there are some new opportunities at the schools that have been explored that are not in this budget at this time due to shortfalls. They will vote on their budget at their next meeting, next week as it is due to the state by July 15. This budget is predicated on a 5% cut from the state.

#### 4. Student Council Representative Report – *summer vacation*

### G. Approval of Consent Calendar

**Mayor Koplín** declared the consent calendar was before the City Council.

5. Resolution 06-17-18 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a sole source contract with Construction Machinery Industrial, LLC, for the purpose of purchasing an emergency shelter backup portable generator for the City of Cordova

6. Resolution 06-17-19 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, requesting FY 18 payment in lieu of taxes funding from the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

7. Proclamation of Appreciation to Bill Gilbert

8. Record excused absence of Council members **Burton** from the May 17, 2017 Regular Meeting

Vote on the consent calendar: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Allison-yes; Beedle-yes; Jones-yes; Guard-yes; Wiese-yes; Burton-yes and Hallquist-yes. Consent Calendar was approved.

### H. Approval of Minutes

**M/Burton S/Hallquist** to approve the minutes.

9. Minutes of 05-17-17 Council Public Hearing

10. Minutes of 05-17-17 Council Regular Meeting

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

### I. Consideration of Bids - none

### J. Reports of Officers

11. Mayor's Report – **Mayor Koplín** said he had a written report in the packet and mentioned the big weekend event, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee field hearing in Cordova on Saturday from 10 am until noon – he would be testifying. He said he will be mentioning energy obviously, but will also be touching on items such as USCG fast cutter home-porting.

12. Manager's Report – **Lanning** said we are full-on into the budget. Staff is getting him goals and objectives as well as narratives, rate analyses are being worked on too. His goal is to have this done by the end of October. There was a residential diesel leak last weekend, he wanted to recognize **Sam Greenwood, Paul Trumblee, Bill Howard** and the streets crew, **Mike Hicks**, for all the hard work in getting that pinpointed and working with the homeowner, NVE, etc. It has since been turned over to the homeowner and a private contractor.

13. City Clerk's Report – **Bourgeois** said she wanted to thank **Deputy Clerk Tina Hammer** for filling in at last Council meeting and the Deputy Clerk's office has a big deadline looming on June 30 for several different items: now that there's a mill rate she will insert that into the database and print bills which will be mailed on June 30, property tax foreclosures, expiration of the redemption period for 2015 delinquencies is on June 30 (at this time there is only one remaining on the list), and the state report she completes annually for the state assessor is due on that date. **Bourgeois** mentioned she would be out of the office next week to help bring the girls basketball team to a team camp in Palmer. She said she would ask about the June 21 meeting at Pending Agenda.

### K. Correspondence

14. 05-19-17 Letter from Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff re infrastructure projects

15. 05-22-17 Email from S. Renner re Nirvana Cemetery Park/Spit

16. 05-22-17 Email from R. Madison re Nirvana Park

17. 05-22-17 Email from B. Shipman re Nirvana Park

18. 05-23-17 Letter from A. Butler re Nirvana Park

19. 05-31-17 Letter from B. Chapek re Kopchak variance

20. 05-31-17 Letter/petition from D. Riedel et al re Nirvana Park/spit

21. 06-02-17 Letter from Mayor Koplín to Governor and Commissioner Cotten

22. Article on Cordova from Alaska Magazine April 2017

**Beedle** thanked **Mayor Koplín** for his letter to the Governor and Commissioner.

### L. Ordinances and Resolutions

23. Resolution 06-17-17 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, setting the mill rate for the 2017 tax year

*M/Beedle S/Hallquist* to approve Resolution 06-17-17 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, setting the mill rate for the 2017 tax year, inserting 12.35 as the mill rate.

*Beedle* said he thought with the conversations had in the work session, that 12.35 was a good place to start. *Jones* said he will not be voting for 12.35 as an increase from last year. *Hallquist* spoke in favor of the motion.

Vote on the motion: 6 yeas, 1 nay. Allison-yes; Hallquist-yes; Guard-yes; Beedle-yes; Wiese-yes; Burton-absent and Jones-yes, therefore, Mayor Koplín-yes. Motion was approved.

#### M. Unfinished Business

24. Award of land disposal Lot 8 & 9 Block 1 Odiak Park Subdivision

*M/Beedle S/Burton* to award the disposal to Bradford, Campbell and Wiese of Lot 8 & 9 Block 1 Odiak Park Subdivision. *Burton* said for the record that this is consistent with past proposals that we've had for this same neighborhood when it comes to selling the property to the adjoining landowners.

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

25. Nirvana Park/Eyak Lake spit update

*Lanning* asked if there were any questions. *Hallquist* said he's been following this and he thinks the report looks good, he wondered what was meant by the statement: "once the final GPR is completed: determine steps to stabilize and preserve Eyak burial grounds." *Sherman* said the final GPR will show where the bodies are so that will determine what happens next. Also there are mixed discussions still on whether or not to use any fill, to build it up, and permitting will be needed if we do go with fill. She said that will be way down the line. *Sherman* said there has been good public input at the last few meetings. There have been compromises made regarding marking the grave sites and no fire pits, garbage cans or the outhouse on the burial grounds - so these will be moved away from where the actual burial sites are - but will still be present within the park. Next meeting will probably be in two weeks.

#### N. New & Miscellaneous Business

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

June 21 meeting will be held - most of council was in favor of that.

Added to the pending agenda this time was the council representatives and council service on boards and commissions - Council directed the Clerk to bring back a report on when this was changed/how/why. At least two members were interested in putting it back the way it was. *Mayor Koplín* mentioned that we may have received legal advice on this - i.e. strange to have a council member voting on an advisory board to council. *Lanning* opined that ex-officio roles could be useful on certain boards and commissions but conflicts of interest could arise if the council members had voting roles on those boards. The CIP resolution/list that gets looked at quarterly - Council opted to save this until September 2017.

#### O. Audience Participation

*Barb Jewell* 2.2 Mile Whiteshed Rd, appreciated all the work being done on revenue so as to not impact only one group.

*Wendy Ranney* of 2500 Orca Road speaking on behalf of being Parks and Rec chair - also she has experience on 2 City boards and these are run like Council meetings, Roberts Rules etc. She likes the monthly Mayor lunch meetings to get the chairs together. She feels strongly that a Council member on a commission would be great but not as a voting member; she thinks that is a direct conflict of interest.

#### P. Council Comments

*Jones* said a second June meeting is better for him than will be a second July meeting.

*Beedle* said condolences to the *Johns* and *Merritt* families.

*Hallquist* thanked *Lanning* and staff on budget work.

*Wiese* said echo those comments as well as thanks to *Scot Mitchell* and CCMC.

#### Q. Adjournment

*M/Beedle S/Guard* to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Approved: June 21, 2017

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

