

**Special Joint City Council Meeting  
w/CCMC Authority Board  
June 12, 2019 @ 3:00 pm  
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B  
Minutes**

**A. Call to order**

*Mayor Clay Koplín* called the Council Special Meeting to order at 3:00 pm on June 12, 2019 in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

**B. Roll call**

Present for roll call were *Mayor Clay Koplín*, Council members *Jeff Guard*, *Anne Schaefer*, and *David Allison*, and CCMC Authority board members *Kristen Carpenter*, *Linnea Ronnegard* and *Gary Graham*. Council members *Melina Meyer*, *David Glasen* and CCMC Authority board chair *Greg Meyer* were present via teleconference. Council members *Tom Bailer* and *Ken Jones* were absent. Also present were CCMCA CFO *Randall Draney*, CCMCA CEO *Scot Mitchell*, City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois* and City Manager *Alan Lanning*.

**C. Approval of agenda**

*M/Allison S/Guard* to approve the agenda.

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

**D. Disclosures of conflicts of interest - none**

**E. Communications by and petitions from visitors**

1. Audience Comments regarding agenda item - none

**F. New Business**

2. CCMC Authority financial situation, strategies to achieve solvency and reduce City burden.

a. Current financial status

*Draney* discussed the components of the provided financial report. CCMC owes on average \$1m per year in PERS and loses \$1m per year in operations. *G. Meyer* commented that \$550,000 of the roughly \$1m owed to PERS each year is for past employees. *Allison* asked why paying PERS has not been made a priority. *Draney* said that paying utilities to keep the doors open was prioritized. *Graham* said too much medical service is provided in Cordova for its population. *Mayor Koplín* said that systemic shifts in Medicaid regulations and collections in the last 5 years have made keeping up difficult.

b. Forecast for the next 18 months focused on future financial needs

*Carpenter* asked what short-term solutions are available, adding that a collaborative effort with NVE must be made. *Graham* agreed that collaboration is necessary. *Mayor Koplín* suggested Council both look into working with NVE and finding short-term solutions, and suggested putting tax increases to raise hospital revenues on a community ballot. Council and CCMC board members discussed improving communications between the groups and different avenues for tax increases. It was clarified that CCMC is asking for \$2m per year going forward. *M. Meyer* asked for 3- or 5-year plan from CCMC. City Manager *Alan Lanning* said that if it is worth it to keep supporting CCMC, they must find someone to partner with. *Graham* agreed. City Manager *Alan Lanning* suggested modeling a goal after Sitka's health care system, which was turned over to SEARHC for an amount equal to Sitka's PERS obligation. SEARHC expressed interest in Cordova's system, but a meeting between CCMCA, NVE and SEARHC never happened. *Carpenter* suggested approaching NVE with the intention of consolidating clinics and turning over the remainder of CCMC to SEARHC. She thought tribal council wants a new hospital to be built with federal funding, whereas NVE staff wants a new clinic, which could be accomplished through consolidating with CCMC. *M. Meyer* said more education on tribal health model is needed. *Mitchell* believes a tribal model is the best solution for Cordova, but only if run by a tribal entity with experience. SEARHC had expressed willingness to work with NVE. Council and CCMCA board members discussed communicating options with NVE and resolved to try to schedule a small group meeting next week.

**G. Executive Session**

Council did not require this executive session

~~3. see item 2. above this could be an executive session item because subjects to be discussed are matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the government~~

**H. Audience participation -none**

**I. Council comments**

*Carpenter* thanked both groups for taking the time to have this conversation.

*G. Meyer* also thanked groups for the meeting and expressed frustration at the financial situation.

*Glaser* thanked the CCMCA board for their work and said he liked the idea of a community vote to gauge support for increasing revenue for CCMC.

*M. Meyer* thanked both groups for coming to the meeting and the CCMCA board for their hard work.

*Mayor Koplín* expressed appreciation for the CCMCA board and the work they've done to improve the quality of care in Cordova.

**J. Adjournment**

*M/Allison S/Guard* to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 pm

Approved: February 5, 2020

Attest:

  
Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

