

Regular City Council Meeting
June 20, 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 7:22 pm on June 20, 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, Anne Schaefer, David Allison* and *James Wiese*. Council members *James Burton, Ken Jones* and *Melina Meyer* were absent. Also present were City Manager *Alan Lanning* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

D. Approval of Regular Agenda

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

Vote on the motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent (Burton, Jones, Meyer). 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 - none

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

Kristin Carpenter, CCMC Authority Board President, reported that: 1) at each meeting they work on board development – so far have covered things like board-staff communication, community needs assessment, Sound Alternatives grants, infection prevention program – just trying to get people on the board familiar with all the functions of the CCMC Authority. There has been turnover in the CFO position, *Mitchell* has been advertising and has also worked on a different staff configuration that will cover the duties. Audit report should be complete by late July. Specialty clinic with an OB/GYN was very successful. *Gary Graham* has been added to the Board and we still have one vacancy. There may be a request for supplemental funding to the City by end of July because there are 3 payrolls in August and PERS is still an ongoing issue.

Guard asked how we were doing on the PERS debt, the amount in arrears. *Carpenter* said we are not doing well, we are still in arrears.

4. Student Council Representative Report – summer break

G. Approval of Consent Calendar

5. Record excused absence of Council members *James Burton* and *Anne Schaefer* from the June 6, 2018 regular meeting

Vote on the approval of the consent calendar: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent. Meyer- absent; Jones- absent; Schaefer-yes; Guard-yes; Allison-yes Wiese-yes and Burton-absent. Consent calendar was approved.

H. Approval of Minutes - none

I. Consideration of Bids - none

J. Reports of Officers

6. Mayor's Report – *Mayor Koplín* said that in his written report he talked about the Harbor needs and he also mentioned the possible usefulness of a lobbying firm such as the one who wrote a proposal under correspondence in the packet.

7. Manager's Report –City Manager *Alan Lanning* reported 1) he emailed Council the final agreed upon CBA, as was discussed in last meeting's executive session; 2) he will get out an email to council about gross receipts tax – tiered effect, more punitive to a less profitable business; 3) received 6 applications for facilities superintendent – interviewed one person today but we are being extraordinarily diligent – the 6 application response is rather disappointing; 4) paving will be occurring, about 96 tons of paving - \$36,000 in the budget; 5) 3 proposals submitted for the RFP for the Comprehensive Plan update – going through those currently.

a. PowerPoint on State of Alaska Tier 1 Harbor Grant Program

City Planner Samantha Greenwood and *Harbormaster Tony Schinella* presented a power point and explained how this state grant program works, what would qualify for reimbursement and what the payments would look like, they also gave a few options for revenue sources to make such bond payments.

8. City Clerk's Report - *Bourgeois* had nothing to report, catching up since she had been away from the office for a bit.

K. Correspondence

9. 06-08-18 Robertson, Monagle & Eastaugh engagement letter

L. Ordinances and Resolutions

10. Ordinance 1162 An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, repealing and reenacting Cordova Municipal Code Chapter 8.40 "marijuana regulation" removing the expired temporary prohibition against marijuana establishments within the City of Cordova, adopting regulations for such establishments, repealing and reenacting Cordova Municipal Code Chapter 18.60 "conditional use permits" to include commercial marijuana facilities as a conditional use within the city and clarifying the conditional use process applicable to such facilities - 2nd reading

M/Schaefer S/Guard to adopt Ordinance 1162 An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, repealing and reenacting Cordova Municipal Code Chapter 8.40 "marijuana regulation" removing the expired temporary prohibition against marijuana establishments within the City of Cordova, adopting regulations for such establishments, repealing and reenacting Cordova Municipal Code Chapter 18.60 "conditional use permits" to include commercial marijuana facilities as a conditional use within the city and clarifying the conditional use process applicable to such facilities.

Schaefer said we hashed this out previously, she is in favor of this. *Guard* said he understands it is an emotional issue - we went with the higher buffer zone for schools, he said we understand what it means to be the regulatory authority. Currently, there are no controls over the marijuana industry in Cordova, this ordinance will put those in place. *Mayor Koplín* clarified that the ordinance being adopted tonight, was the one in the handout - as the one in the packet was an older version. There was clarification on the actual buffers, the state's language was read into the record (main public entrance of the licensed location to the outer boundaries of the school grounds - which would equate to the property lines), as to how they calculate the 1000-foot buffers. *Greenwood* also clarified the steps that Council has an opportunity to weigh in on these licenses - i.e. conditional use permits for every single one as well as the ability to weigh in once the state forwards a completed license application to the local regulatory authority, (the Cordova City Council). *Allison* said he will vote in favor, he appreciates the comments from the public tonight, but this ordinance gives us local control. He also opined that as far as taxes, during budget we will be considering all kinds of other taxes so that may be revisited.

Wiese also spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Vote on the motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent. Wiese-yes; Jones-absent; Meyer-absent; Schaefer-yes; Allison-yes; Burton-absent and Guard-yes. Motion was approved.

11. 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 - 2nd reading

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 have a bare bones budget and it is lacking \$340K now due to the 2 ballot prop reversals. He said this is a measure to keep us above water. *Wiese* said he will not support this - he voted yes on the first reading to get public input and he has heard from lots of people, so he will be voting no. *Allison* said he is not in favor of this ordinance. He said with the couple of different, "windfalls" so to speak, he can't vote yes on this. He would like to keep this as an option when our budget discussions start up in fall. *Schaefer* said she agrees that we have a bare bones budget but this seems like a knee-jerk reaction, she can't support it at this time. She'd prefer to act considerately and deliberately, we will need public buy-in. *Guard* said he's fine, he's not trying to change anyone's mind, he understands where this vote is going. He said we had meeting after meeting after meeting when we did the 2018 budget - we wanted more public involvement, we tried to get it.

Vote on the motion: 1 yea, 3 nays, 3 absent. Allison-no; Schaefer-no; Guard-yes; Meyer-absent; Wiese-no; Burton-absent and Jones-absent. Motion failed.

M. Unfinished Business - none

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

12. Council concurrence of *Mayor Koplín's* appointment of *Robert Beedle* to fill the vacancy on the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Board

M/Allison S/Wiese to concur with *Mayor Koplín's* appointment of *Robert Beedle* to fill the vacancy on the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Board.

Allison said he's been on there for 5 or more years and he is knowledgeable. *Wiese* agreed.

Vote on the motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent (Burton, Jones, Meyer). Motion was approved.

13. Council concurrence of **Mayor Koplín's** letters supporting Jones Act waiver to support UnCruise **M/Allison S/Wiese** to concur with **Mayor Koplín's** letters supporting Jones Act waiver to support UnCruise.

Vote on the motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent (Burton, Jones, Meyer). Motion was approved.

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

Mayor Koplín mentioned that there are still vacancies on boards - one on P&Z and one on P&R. **Bourgeois** asked what to do about the next regular meeting scheduled for July 4 - after some discussion, Council agreed that the next possible day to attain a quorum would be on July 18. **Mayor Koplín** thought maybe a joint work session with the Harbor Commission, should be in the near future. Everyone agreed this might have to wait until after fishing as most interested parties as well as most Harbor Commission members are pretty busy with the season. July 17 - State Dam inspector will be in Cordova for a public meeting - not a City Council event.

O. Audience Participation

Dean Curran of 110 Sawmill Avenue is still concerned about the smell issue that a marijuana facility will have.

P. Council Comments

Wiese thanked everyone for coming and thanked **Gary Graham** for stepping up on CCMCA Board, thanked **Mayor Koplín** for his letters of support

Schaefer thanked everyone for sharing comments, she appreciates the public input. She also thanked **Beedle, Graham** for serving. Also, she encouraged people in the audience to talk up the vacancies we still have, she said it's fun and feels good to get involved and help Cordova be a great place to live.

Allison also thanked the audience for comments - he especially appreciated Council Member **Guard's** efforts on the budget, and keeping Council grounded a little bit.

Guard said he knows that marijuana is a contentious issue, he still believes they did the right thing tonight - in Cordova's best interest.

Q. Executive Session

15. ~~Legal update - Beecher matter~~ this item was not needed, there was no update

16. CCMC professional staffing changes, future contracts for locum physicians and anticipated financial implications

M/Allison S/Guard 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, CCMC professional staffing changes, future contracts for locum physicians and anticipated financial implications and to invite **Scot Mitchell** and **Kristin Carpenter** to join us.

With no objection, the motion was approved and **Mayor Koplín** called for a 3-minute recess to clear the room at 8:49 pm.

Council entered the executive session at 8:54 pm.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 9:17 pm.

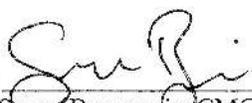
Mayor Koplín stated that these issues were discussed - CCMCA staffing changes and financial implications, but no decisions were made.

R. Adjournment

M/Allison S/Schaefer to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection **Mayor Koplín** adjourned the meeting at 9:18 pm.

Approved: August 15, 2018

Attest: 
Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

