

**Special City Council Meeting  
June 22, 2016 @ 12:00 pm  
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B  
Minutes**

**A. Call to order**

*Mayor Clay Koplín* called the Council Special Meeting to order at 12:00 pm on June 22, 2016 in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

**B. Roll call**

Present for roll call were *Mayor Clay Koplín* and Council members *James Burton, Tom Bailer, Josh Hallquist, David Allison* and *James Wiese*. Council members *Tim Joyce* and *Robert Beedle* were present via teleconference. Also present were Interim City Manager *Mike Hicks* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

**C. Approval of agenda**

*M/Bailer S/Hallquist* to approve the agenda.

Vote on motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Beedle-yes; Hallquist-yes; Wiese-yes; Joyce-yes; Allison-yes; Bailer-yes and Burton-yes.

Motion was approved.

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

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

**1. Audience Comments regarding agenda item**

*Emily Stolarczyk* of 509 Fifth Street said she had no comment to make but she had a written comment from *Kelley Weaverling* of 303 Browning who could not be in attendance. She read a letter from *Weaverling* and it was in favor of the passage of Resolution 06-16-24 which was opposing the siting and timing of the US Navy training exercises in the Gulf of Alaska.

*Kate McLaughlin*, President and Executive Director of the Prince William Soundkeeper spoke about 2 items on the agenda. She was supportive of Resolution 06-16-24 and she urged Council to do something about the Polar Bear – she called it a ticking time bomb.

At this point of audience comments, *Mayor Koplín* asked for a show of hands from the audience for those who were in support of Resolution 06-16-24: the count was 22 people in attendance supportive of the resolution and zero were there opposing the passage of the resolution. He then asked if there was further audience comments, with different points to be made.

*Kara Johnson* of 105 Bluff Trail spoke in support of the resolution (i.e. 06-16-24).

*Bill Black* of 309 Observation Ave spoke in support of Resolution 06-16-24.

*Dune Lankard* an Eyak Indian who is a commercial and subsistence fisherman here spoke in support of Resolution 06-16-24.

*Gabriel Scott* of 612 Fourth Street supported Resolution 06-16-24, saying that the City will have to hold the Navy's feet to the fire on this issue, the City will always be having to pay attention.

*Mike Smith* spoke to the Polar Bear issue on the agenda saying that there is no risk, no City overhead, he thinks there should be a fee/rate similar to a harbor rate.

*Linda Crider* of Eccles Lagoon spoke in support of Resolution 06-16-25 and hoped someone had spoken to *Senator Lisa Murkowski* while she was here about the US Navy exercises, regarding Resolution 06-16-24. She also thought it would be helpful to get other PWS communities to pass similar resolutions

**F. New business**

**2. Resolution 06-16-24** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, opposing siting and timing of US Navy training exercises that pose risks to fish and fisheries in the gulf of Alaska.

*M/Allison S/Burton* to approve Resolution 06-16-24 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, opposing siting and timing of US Navy training exercises that pose risks to fish and fisheries in the gulf of Alaska.

*Allison* said there couldn't be a worse time to do these exercises, he supports a change in timing. *Joyce* said he supports this it is similar to one passed a year or two ago. He said if no one within the City has done the scientific research to make the statement in the last whereas, he would like to see it removed.

*M/Joyce S/Burton* to amend the resolution by removing the last whereas.

Vote on motion to amend: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Beedle-yes; Allison-yes; Wiese-yes; Hallquist-yes; Bailer-yes; Burton-yes and Joyce-yes. Motion was approved.

**Hallquist** said he is supportive of this resolution but he does want to state that he believes that the Navy does have to conduct this training.

Vote on main motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Allison-yes; Hallquist-yes; Joyce-yes; Beedle-yes; Wiese-yes; Burton-yes and Bailer-yes. Motion was approved.

**3. Resolution 06-16-25** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing amendment to the FY16 budget and authorizing expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_ to provide the required match for the Alaska transportation alternatives program (ATAP) grant for ADA accessible sidewalks on Adams Street.

**M/Joyce S/Allison** to approve Resolution 06-16-25 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing amendment to the FY16 budget and authorizing expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$125,925 to provide the required match for the Alaska transportation alternatives program (ATAP) grant for ADA accessible sidewalks on Adams Street.

**Joyce** said this was brought to us at our last meeting - this is a chance for us to get a lot of money towards some sidewalks that are needed and well-used by children between school and the Library, etc. **Hallquist** asked when this design was done and at what cost. **Greenwood** responded that this design was part of the road bond project. She clarified that a lot of possible roads were surveyed for the road project because it was unknown how the bid would come in and how much we would be able to pave. **Allison** said that he mentioned this to the school board last week at the meeting he attended and they fully supported it and could offer a letter from the superintendent for the grant application. **Mayor Koplín** asked **Greenwood** if this would be her recommended motion (i.e. with the numbers inserted). She said she would suggest that the more of a match we offer, the better our chances are, so she would suggest the higher number. **Beedle** wondered if we have the money, where would it be coming from, and as a Council member, it would sure be nice to walk the site, understand what we are doing and not just make this decision in a vacuum. **Stavig** was present and said yes, the general fund reserve was the likely place to draw the money from but it is probable that this will not occur until 2017 at which time we will have budgeted this amount. **Beedle** said he is in support - he just wanted to be aware of whether or not we have the money. **Joyce** agreed and said this should be on a list of what we look at for next budget cycle come October. **Burton** supports it but will amend for the higher dollar amounts as suggested by staff.

**M/Burton S/Allison** to amend the motion by changing the amount to \$131,400 which is equivalent to a 25% match and allowing for a 20% contingency.

Vote on motion to amend: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Joyce-yes; Wiese-yes; Beedle-yes; Burton-yes; Allison-yes; Hallquist-yes and Bailer-yes. Motion was approved.

Vote on main motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Allison-yes; Beedle-yes; Joyce-yes; Bailer-yes; Wiese-yes; Burton-yes and Hallquist-yes. Motion was approved.

**4. Resolution 06-16-26** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing creation of a City Manager assessment committee to assist with the selection process of a new City Manager and make recommendations to the City Council on final interviewees

**M/Allison S/Bailer** to approve Resolution 06-16-26 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing creation of a City Manager assessment committee to assist with the selection process of a new City Manager and make recommendations to the City Council on final interviewees

**Allison** said let's set this up so we can get this going. **Bailer** said he supports this committee but he questions some of the names being put forward: he said there is an employee, a child of an employee and a shop keeper. He said salmon is our biggest industry and there is someone with a lot of knowledge of that and City matters and he would be good to have on here as well (meaning **Dave Reggiani** who sat on the last such committee). He didn't think it was right for employees to be picking their next boss. **Mayor Koplín** wondered if the committee was necessary at all he suggested that staff could pare down the list and then Council could do the rest - he said that hiring an effective manager is one of Council's most important jobs. He opined the committee could be more of a peer review committee. **Joyce** said he thought he preferred not to burden staff with more to do - he does see the importance of staff input however, he has absolutely no objection to that. **Joyce** does like the committee idea, they would provide recommendations to Council - however, Council could still look at every single application if they wanted to. **Mayor Koplín** said Council does need to come up with specific criteria to hand off to the committee so they are clear. **Joyce** said he would agree with **Bailer** in that **Dave Reggiani** would be a good member for the committee. **Mayor Koplín** gave a synopsis of those he chose for the committee and why. He mentioned Cordova's changing demographics and said younger citizens with young families were dominant in his picks. The Mayor continued by saying he certainly wanted the fishing industry represented but all of the fishing industry citizens

are in the middle of their busy season and the heavy lifting of this committee will be in the next couple of months. Mayor Koplín proceeded to give a briefing on his picks. He went with **Kelsey Appleton**, longtime CDFU employee, very industry-involved and young person also involved with the chamber of commerce. **James Kacsh** – Mayor & council experience. **Bret Bradford**, covers GCI, young family, Council experience, school board member. **Darrel Olsen**, incoming NVE tribal Council member, we need to build bridges with NVE. **Alex Russin** – superintendent, school input, as well as he is the CEO of a large organization – that’s a good perspective. **Emma Roemhildt**, young person – involved in business community. **Rich Rogers**, senior staff member, knowledge of community projects and there should be staff involvement. **Will Osborn**, young family man, a business owner and CTC Board of Directors Chairman. **Mayor Koplín** said this is Council’s committee, he is more than willing to reach out to others and change this up however Council sees fit. **Joyce** said that he likes all of the picks and he only sees a glaring gap in missing the fishing industry, he would suggest maybe asking **Reggiani** and adding him if he was willing. There was a concurrence of Council to have **Mayor Koplín** ask **Reggiani** to join the group.

Vote on motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Joyce-yes; Bailer-yes; Wiese-yes; Beedle-yes; Burton-yes; Hallquist-yes and Allison-yes. Motion was approved.

5. Council direction to City Manager regarding disposition of Polar Bear

**M/Beedle S/Bailer** to refer this to the Harbormaster to come up with a reasonable fee and the accompanying insurance/USCG inspection requirements.

**Beedle** said it has gotten out of hand. The winter moorage to a dock would cause more damage to us. **Wiese** agreed that the USCG inspection would ensure the safety of the vessel or some other proof of safety of the vessel. **Burton** said he believes that it also needs to be insured (especially pollution insurance). **Joyce** agreed and wanted to expand on that – it wasn’t our issue until now, because it is now City land. Sound Developer is a perfect example – we had to pay for that because it was our land; we don’t want that to happen again. **Joyce**, said we can get a bond or a guarantee so the City doesn’t get stuck again – it could cost us millions if we are not careful. **Bailer** said he agrees – he’d like to hear the Harbormaster’s idea when it comes back to us. **Allison** agrees with a staff approach and said we have done tideland leases in the past and he’s sure insurance is required in that instance as well.

Vote on motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Hallquist-yes; Burton-yes; Bailer-yes; Beedle-yes; Allison-yes; Joyce-yes and Wiese-yes. Motion was approved.

#### G. Audience participation

**Cindy Appleton** said that she maybe should have asked during the discussion but she just wanted to be clear about Council’s wishes concerning the City Manager recruitment. **Mayor Koplín** asked council their thoughts on the job description. Some discussion led Council to concur to remove master’s degree desired and leave it at bachelor’s degree desired. As far as salary listed, Council opted for the \$100k + which was the value from the search 3 years ago.

#### H. Council comments

**Burton** said as far as the Polar Bear situation, **Mr. Beedle** made a comment on the phone regarding other large vessels coming. He wanted to be clear that he thinks this is a one-time concern, not something we are setting up for all vessels that want to camp out on our property.

**Wiese** agreed with what **Burton** has said. He also thanks EPC for their strong presence here today.

**Beedle** said there may be landing crafts or other vessels coming to town and he wants people to know that there may be need for potential mooring.

**Allison** thanked **Mike** (Hicks) and **Jason** (Whetsell) for setting up the interim process and thanks for stepping up to the new positions.

**Mayor Koplín** thanked everyone for their patience, he did intend to keep this to a one hour meeting but he had also promised EPC that he’d put the resolution on the next available agenda be it special or regular and he kept to that promise.

#### I. Adjournment

**M/Bailer S/Burton** to adjourn.

Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 1:17 pm

Approved: August 3, 2016

Attest:   
Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

