CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING JULY 30, 2010 @ 12:00 PM CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James Kallander called the Council Special Meeting to order at 12:00 pm on July 30, 2010 in the Library Meeting Room.

B. ROLL CALL

Present for roll call were Mayor James Kallander, Council members Keith van den Broek, James Kacsh, David Allison, Bret Bradford, EJ Cheshier and David Reggiani. Council member Robert Beedle was absent. Also present were City Manager Mark Lynch and City Clerk Susan Bourgeois.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/Reggiani S/Allison to approve the agenda. Vote on motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Beedle). Motion carried.

D. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST- None.

E. COMMUNICATIONS BY AND PETITIONS FROM VISITORS

1. Audience comments regarding agenda items - None

F. NEW BUSINESS

2. Resolution 07-10-47

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, designating State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) grant funds for the project entitled LT2 compliance UV treatment facility as the number one local state funding priority for fiscal year 2012

M/Reggiani S/Kacsh to approve Resolution 07-10-47, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, designating State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) grant funds for the project entitled LT2 compliance UV treatment facility as the number one local state funding priority for fiscal year 2012

Cohenour said that the application for this grant is due by Monday (i.e. August 2) and the more points we can accumulate the better. A resolution of support such as this one will garner the City 50 more points in the grant application. Even though it is FY12 the monies will be available in July 2011.

Mayor Kallander asked whether there was a match to this grant. Cohenour explained that it is a 70% funding source with a 30% match but that he intends to apply for other grants to cover the 30% (ARRA and others).

Vote on motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Beedle). Motion carried.

3. Council action regarding Providence's involvement in health care strategic planning

M/Allison S/Reggiani to concur with Mayor Kallander's suggestion to include Providence Health & Services Alaska in the ongoing health care strategic planning.

Allison said it is a great idea – can't hurt to have them involved. Reggiani dittoed that idea – he is excited that Providence is interested.

Vote on motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Beedle). Motion carried.

4. Discussion of Charter Section 2-5 Mayor and council not to interfere in appointments and removals (could be discussed in Executive Session)

Mark Lynch said that it had come to his attention that there may be some inappropriate contact between certain Health Services Board members and hospital employees. The attorney has weighed in on this and *Lynch* handed out her memo to Council.

David Allison said if he is the one being accused, he does not believe that he has violated any part of the Code and he said that the bigger question is whether Council supports hiring a full-time CEO for the hospital.

There was lengthy discussion and Council members weighed in on this question. *Reggiani*, *Bradford*, *Cheshier* and *van den Broek* each stated that they thought it was premature to hire a new CEO and they would prefer to wait until after the strategic planning is completed.

At one point, *Cheshier* moved to suspend the CEO search – this motion failed for lack of a second.

Kacsh said he was torn and didn't like the idea of having a duly appointed and approved HSB that we do not allow to govern (he said it was frustrating for them).

Secondarily, Council expressed concerns that the Health Services Board was not supportive of the Interim Administrator. *Reggiani* expressed that the Council representatives to the HSB were to be the conduits to get the word to the HSB that they should support the interim administrator and at the same time cease inappropriate contact with hospital employees.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

H. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Kacsh said maybe this should be talked about more and therefore an agenda item should be on every Council meeting so it can be discussed.

Bradford reiterated that the HSB should be treating the interim administrator with respect and support her.

Kallander said he thanked Council for having a good discussion.

Allison said we still have a Code/Charter/Bylaws problem and if we had dealt with those, we wouldn't be in this position.

Cheshier said there has been lots of talk about parking – he is getting an earful.

Lynch invited Cheshier to come talk to him anytime about parking issues.

I. ADJOURNMENT

M/Reggiani S/van den Broek to adjourn the Special Meeting. Hearing no objection, Mayor Kallander adjourned the Special Meeting at 1:05 pm.

Approved: August 16, 2010

Attest:

Susan-Bourgeois, City Clerk

