

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 4, 2010 @ 7:30 PM  
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM  
MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

*Vice-Mayor Dave Reggiani* called the Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 pm on August 4, 2010 in the Library Meeting Room.

**B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Corrine Erickson* led the audience in an invocation.

*Vice-Mayor Reggiani* led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. ROLL CALL**

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

**D. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

*M/Allison S/Bradford* to approve the Regular Agenda.

Vote on motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Cheshier).

**E. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**F. COMMUNICATIONS BY AND PETITIONS FROM VISITORS**

1. Guest Speakers – *Keren Kelley* (interim hospital administrator) used this opportunity to introduce *Kitty Farnham* of Catalyst Consulting Services who was here to facilitate the strategic planning in re Health Care in Cordova. Some of the rest of the team she mentioned are *Jean Craciun* of Craciun Research Group who will conduct a community survey and follow up with focus groups.

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items

*Milo Burcham* a wildlife biologist as well as Chapter President of PWS Audubon Society read a letter into the record concerning the boatyard development. He was concerned about the lack of public dialogue and had hoped Council could allow for more public input.

*Jennifer Gibbins* spoke in support of the E-911 system. She also echoed Milo's comments and was disappointed in the process over the last couple of months. She thinks the public input has been disregarded – she characterized it as disrespectful.

*Tom Bailer* of 304 Orca Inlet Drive is a member of the Planning Commission and he said they had three meetings on this and they were open sessions with no time limit – they would have listened to anyone for as long as they wanted to talk. He said the same two people showed up at these meetings, neither of the two that just spoke was at the meetings.

*Kristin Carpenter* with the Copper River Watershed Project had suggested meetings later in the year when more people might be around town – back in from fishing. She said there needs to be a strong outreach process to get people's ideas.

**Jason Borer** of 325 First Street said that he has gone to Planning Commission meetings and has attended City Council meetings and he said there isn't much of a chance for people to get their point across – he said it is more the Council members and/or the Commissioners talking.

### 3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

**Allison** stated that HSB is reviewing the budget and a contract for collectables. There will be a regular HSB meeting on August 16.

**Nygaard** mentioned ballot proposition one concerning lobbying and how it would negatively impact our City, our School etc. He hoped everyone would vote against its passage. He went to a Forest Service meeting and spoke of the monies available to make the National Forest more accessible to us (just shy of \$3M). USKH met with him, **Cohenour, Linda Crider** and **Kathy Zamudio** about the feasibility study for Whitshed Road bike path as well as covered elevated crosswalks. He congratulated everyone – Cathy, for a successful bid opening. He said school is usually starting up about now but kids won't be back until September 9 this year. School District will move in the week of August 23.

## G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

**Vice-Mayor Reggiani** stated that the consent calendar was before the Council.

Item number #6 was pulled, and placed under Ordinances & Resolutions.

### 4. Proclamation declaring National Community Health Center Week

### 5. Resolution 08-10-48

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, approving new exempt personnel classification and salary schedule

### ~~6. Resolution 08-10-49~~

~~A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, directing the imposition of an e-911 surcharge~~

### 7. Record excused absence for Council member Cheshier from the 07-21-10 regular meeting Reason – work-related.

Vote on consent calendar: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Cheshier). Van den Broek – yes; Kacsh – yes; Allison – yes; Bradford – yes; Reggiani – yes; Beedle – yes. Consent calendar was approved.

## H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**M/Kacsh S/Allison** to approve the minutes.

Vote on motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Cheshier), 1 abstention (Beedle – counted as an affirmative vote). Motion carried.

### 8. Minutes of October 20, 2009 Council Budget Work Session

### 9. Minutes of October 21, 2009 Council Budget Work Session

### 10. Minutes of March 19, 2010 Council Work Session

### 11. Minutes of July 7, 2010 Council Work Session w-P&Z and Harbor Commission

### 12. Minutes of July 21, 2010 Public Hearing

### 13. Minutes of July 21, 2010 Regular Meeting

## I. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS



13a. Bid award for Cordova Center Phase 1 (material to be provided at time of meeting)

**Lynch** stated that a Special Meeting will have to be scheduled during Pending Agenda because we are not prepared yet to approve the bid – all the information is not in yet.

## **J. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

14. Mayor's Report – **Mayor Kallander** left no report for the *Vice-Mayor*

15. Manager's Report – **Lynch** stated that most of his time as of late has been spent on the details of the bid packet, etc. concerning the Cordova Center. Also, he has been looking through the applications for project manager. The Cordova Center Task Force will look that over at the next meeting. **Beedle** asked if we would get together before the groundbreaking on Friday to award the bid. **Lynch** said the proposal will be for a Special Meeting on Monday (i.e. 8/9/10) to award the bid.

16. City Clerk's Report – Written report in the packet. **Bourgeois** mentioned that **Holly Wells** (City Attorney) would be presenting Board training for the Council and any other City Boards and Commissions that would be interested in attending on September 25. Also, **Bourgeois** mentioned that there is a primary election on August 24 and there will be absentee voting at City Hall from August 9 through August 23 from 8 am until 4 pm daily (Monday – Friday).

17. Staff Reports – Quarterly Reports

a. Tom Cohenour – COR, Director of Public Works – School Gym and Reno updates

**Gym addition** – it is rapidly coming to completion although they are a little behind schedule. There is a preliminary punch list forming. They are about 30 days behind schedule. The substantial completion was for July 15 and they missed that deadline. The contract allows for \$1500 per day if substantial completion is missed – but this can be discussed in the future. Final completion date is August 15 – with \$4000 per day liquidated damages if they fail to meet that requirement. The gym floor is not installed yet and will be delayed until December due to the need for the moisture content in the slab to be 3% or lower. **Renovation** – phase 1 is nearing completion (second floor on East wing – North side), looks fantastic. They are on schedule so far. They are slated for substantial completion for A & B on August 15 and final completion for A & B on September 15. Phase C has substantial completion sometime in December.

## **K. CORRESPONDENCE**

18. Letter from Chancellor of UAF in re MAP support

19. Letter from Belen Cook in re DMV hours

20. Letter from Joe Cook in re DMV hours

**Kacsh** asked if the Chief could speak to the change in DMV hours. **Chief Robert Baty** said that in reviewing his departmental duties he determined that DMV was never intended to be open all those hours; the clerk there is supposed to work part time as a dispatcher. He analyzed the hours and asked questions of other comparable towns in Alaska and decided it was reasonable for Cordova's DMV to cut hours and thereby the City would save money by relieving the dispatchers of some hours and thereby cutting overtime hours in his department.

21. Letter from Jim Nygaard explaining letter and request from *National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition*

**Allison** asked if Monday's meeting could include an action item concerning this letter and he would like to see Council take action on this contribution – he thinks it is a worthy cause. **Kacsh** agreed and **Vice Mayor Reggiani** said it would be brought up under the Pending Agenda.



22. Letter to ADOT in re STIP – bike path Whitshed
23. Letter to Admiral Robert Papp, Commandant USCG in re Sycamore
24. Letter from Robert Henrichs, NVE in re new Executive Director, Angela Arnold

## **L. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **6. Resolution 08-10-49**

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, directing the imposition of an e-911 surcharge

*M/Allison S/Bradford* to approve Resolution 08-10-49 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, directing the imposition of an e-911 surcharge.

*Allison* said he pulled this from the consent calendar because he thinks there are still a lot of questions out there of exactly who has to pay this, land lines, cell phones, and what if any the limits are per household, per billing address etc. He said he would also like the Chief to explore the possibilities of bringing in this money from elsewhere – i.e. asking the phone companies for donations (i.e. letting the phone companies donate the money possibly). He would like to have a delay of 30 days to visit with the CTC Board as well as GCI and Copper Valley and see if some portion of this cost can be defrayed. He supports the idea but would like the time to explore these discussion options. *Kacsh* agreed as did *van den Broek* who also opined that charging all the local phones could drive some business out of town. *Beedle* agreed that he would like to see more information.

*Vice Mayor Reggiani* asked the Chief whether the costs associated with this were to purchase hardware, software or both. *Chief Baty* responded that for approximately \$200K – \$300K that the City fronted for the project, we would have the system hardware and software and then we could have the surcharge in place to pay back the initial cost of equipment and then cover the annual maintenance costs.

*Allison* restated that he thought Council should give the phone companies the opportunity for a strategic alliance. He would like the time to try to accomplish this.

*M/Allison S/van den Broek* to refer to staff to give us an opportunity to do some research on proposals.

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

## **M. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

## **N. NEW & MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

### **25. Discussion of P&Z Commission's work on Shipyard Development draft**

*Reggiani* led the discussion and said that Council had sent this over to Planning and Zoning to work on and then he and *Faith* (Assistant Planner) got together to hash out some of the details and put them together on a map and that is what is before Council. He mentioned that the Planning Commission would now focus in on how to plat this area if the other public representatives (such as *Kristin Carpenter* of the Copper River Watershed) could help with developing ideas for the greenbelt areas. He emphasized that this is a working draft – he wants to bounce it off Council and get Council's concurrence to use this plan in its current state to move forward with planning and permitting processes and then move forward in searching out funding opportunities.

*Beedle* said he didn't mind it moving forward, but he wondered when the public could comment. He wanted to know if AIG wanted the piece that was left out for them (what looked like 4 acres).



**Lynch** said he doesn't know exactly what AIG wants because they haven't proposed it to him – they have just said 4 acres up to now.

**Kristin Carpenter** had some comments from the audience about the conversations at the Planning and Zoning level. She would like to see alternative locations explored, such as land between Fisherman's Camp and ferry dock. She wanted to see a copy of the report done by the McDowell Group in re Boat Haulout longer range planning. She opined that for permitting purposes, this map is premature. She would like to see more sessions where they can mark up the map and discuss it further. **Reggiani** said that was his intention as well – they needed a starting point for permitting, etc. but that this was still a working draft.

After much discussion, there was Council concurrence to get this map published in the newspaper for people to see. After further lengthy discussion **Reggiani** tried to articulate what there was concurrence of Council on: 1) the concept (i.e. acceptance of the map as a working draft), 2) getting the map into the paper, 3) more work on this at the Planning & Zoning level. **Van den Broek** did not agree – he thought it was putting the cart before the horse. **Reggiani** insisted that there had been three publicly noticed Planning & Zoning meetings on this issue. **Allison** said he thought that everyone was on the same page here it was just a semantics issue. **Beedle** would not concur due to the fact that the meetings planned were P & Z meetings which he believes are not well-attended. **Kacsh** and **Bradford** spoke in favor. **Kacsh** outlined the process and said that the process does need to occur at P & Z.

**M/Allison S/Bradford** that Council concurs with the Vice-Mayor's report from the Planning Commission that the conceptual drawing is a starting point and we should kick it back to Planning for more meetings.

Vote on motion: 4 yeas, 2 nays (van den Broek, Beedle), 1 absent (Cheshier). Motion carried.

## 26. Pending Agenda and Calendar

A special meeting was scheduled for Monday August 9 at 6:30 pm. The agenda items will be the bid approval for the Cordova Center Phase 1 and a donation to the lobbying effort for timber receipts. It was also agreed upon by Council to not have the second Regular Meeting for the month of August.

## O. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

**Mary Anne Bishop** of the Audubon Society said that once again it was very discouraging to watch a discussion like tonight's where there was only one plan and no other options. She said there has got to be time to do a public process.

**Cathy Sherman** also commented on the plan and the process because she has been through it (i.e. Cordova Center). She thought it good to maybe step outside the regular process (i.e. accept CRWP's invitation to hold meetings).

She said it has been eight long years and today was just one other day (she was referring to the bid opening this afternoon for the Cordova Center Phase 1). **Sherman** said that the ground breaking is still this coming Friday and the chamber has been extremely helpful. She mentioned some of the dignitaries that would be present.

**Tom Bailer** 304 Orca Inlet said that of the three groups that spoke against the fill plan, only one was represented at the last Planning meeting. However, **Jerry Blackler** was there who thought we needed all that 12 acres. He said he hoped that if CRWP wanted to have a meeting, they should and invite everyone.

**Bailer** is okay with the E-911 surcharge idea except he is not sure about all the costs including all the cells that might be registered to the same household – thought maybe there could be a cap.

## P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

### 24. Council Comments

**Beedle** stated that he was appreciative of the chip sealing that took place on Harbor Loop in front of the three stage dock and ramp.

**Bradford** said that he thinks a lot of things have changed since Council directed the City Manager to negotiate a land sale with AIGCO. He agreed with both **Sherman** and **Bailer** and thought CRWP should have those meetings and then report to P & Z and Council.

**Kacsh** stated that he thinks the City should be facilitating these meetings.

**Reggiani** said he is looking forward to Friday.

## Q. ADJOURNMENT

**M/Allison S/Bradford** to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:50 pm.  
Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: September 1, 2010

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Susan Bourgeois, City Clerk

