

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 17, 2011 @ 7:30 PM  
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM  
MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

*Vice-Mayor David Reggiani* called the Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 PM on August 17, 2011, in the Library Meeting Room.

**B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Corinne Erickson* offered the audience an invocation.

*David Reggiani* led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. ROLL CALL**

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

**D. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

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

*Vice-Mayor Reggiani* said that he was adding **John Bitney** under staff reports and there would be no executive session (item 24).

Vote on motion: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (van den Broek, Cheshier).

**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 – *Reggiani* reported that Planning and Zoning met on August 9 and had no action items but discussed things such as: 1) developing a list for capital improvements; 2) developing criteria for land disposals; 3) zoning districts are being reviewed a couple of districts at a time – started with ‘parks and open spaces’ and ‘conservation’; 4) began reviewing chapters of the comprehensive plan; and ended with 5) discussions of the avalanche zoned district – might want to meet with parks and rec to discuss a summer/non-structured use of that area.

**G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Vice-Mayor Reggiani* informed Council that the Consent Calendar was before them.

4. Record excused absence of Council member EJ Cheshier from the 08-03-11 Regular Meeting

5. Ordinance 1084

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the sale of Lot Three (3), Block Two (2), South Fill Development Park to David and Bootslyn Roemhildt – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

6. Ordinance 1085

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the sale of Lot Five (5), Block Two (2), South Fill Development Park to David and Bootslyn Roemhildt – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

7. Resolution 08-11-37

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Appraisal Company of Alaska for Tax Year 2012 assessment services in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

Vote on Consent Calendar: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (van den Broek, Cheshier). Reggiani – yes; Beedle – yes; Kacsh – yes; Allison – yes and Bradford – yes. Consent calendar was approved.

## H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

8. January 19, 2011 Council Work Session Minutes
9. February 8 & 10, 2011 E-911 RFP Committee Minutes
10. July 6, 2011 Council Work Session Minutes
11. August 3, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes
12. August 4, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes
13. August 5, 2011 Council Work Session Minutes

Vote on motion: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (van den Broek, Cheshier).

## I. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS - none

## J. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9. Mayor's Report – not present

10. Manager's Report – he reported that he has had two productive meetings with *Nancy Bird* of the PWSSC. He spent time the last two days with the AHFC representatives that were in town for their annual meetings. Letters went out to DCCED concerning the grants received for breakwater and boat ramp. *Holly (Wells, City Attorney)* wants to share some info with Council concerning the Spartan – maybe will put on first meeting in September. *Beedle* asked about the numbers in the letter concerning the breakwater project. *Lynch* said those dollar amounts came from the Corps of Engineers write-up of a few years ago. *Bradford* asked *Lynch* if he had gotten the message form a few meetings ago about starting to explore expansion of the South Fill. *Lynch* said he and the planner have begun conversations about that.

11. City Clerk's Report – *Bourgeois* reported that AML conference is coming up – November 7-11 in Fairbanks. *Deputy Clerk Kincaid* would be attending a 2 day assessing training in Wasilla – as was suggested by *Steve Vansant* (State Assessor) when he was here auditing Cordova's assessing function. Ordinances will now be advertised in the ADN – until Cordova Times is back up and running. *Bourgeois* mentioned that the fee schedule should come before them in November as was suggested by Council (i.e. to coincide with the passage of the 2012 budget). She also asked if Council wanted an ordinance change that would entail incorporating water and sewer rates and fees in the fee schedule resolution instead of passing an ordinance to do those as is now the case. Council said yes to bring that forward. *Bourgeois* mentioned that charter speaks to the possibility of posting ordinances in 10 conspicuous places (instead of publishing in newspaper) - Council asked that she bring a list to the next meeting of 10 conspicuous places.

12. Staff Reports

*John Bitney*, City Lobbyist – *Bitney* said he was in town because he had once represented AHFC and when he took the Cordova job he suggested that they hold a meeting in Cordova – they agreed and were presently having their annual meeting in Cordova. They were using the new Elementary School as a meeting location and *Sandie Ponte* had cooked breakfast, the group also attended a dinner at the Reluctant of more than thirty people. It was convenient that he was here for a Council Meeting and he was glad to be able to attend. As a summary he said that Council mainly tasked him with 2 things during the 2011 legislative session, getting money out of the state capital budget for Cordova's capital priorities and redistricting. The hospital roof for \$2M was the number one priority – which was in the legislature's budget but was vetoed by the Governor. It became apparent to him that people are unaware of where the Cordova hospital is at presently. He is glad to listen in tonight and then will be able to speak to that if the question arises again in Juneau. He also said that so many projects were vetoed that the Governor's staff is collecting research on them all and possibly they will be brought forth at the beginning of the next session for a decision. There was good news for Cordova in that some of the other projects did receive funding.

**Bitney** went on to say that there was good news as far as redistricting. Cordova's best second option (once we knew that Southeast was not going to happen based on populations there) was being grouped with Kodiak – and that is exactly what happened. There is a lawsuit pending (Fairbanks Borough) but it should not change our House District regardless of the outcome. It could impact our Senate District pairings only. **Kacsh** asked what timeline we should follow regarding having a capital priority list ready for the Governor. **Bitney** responded that mid to late September would be in-line with the process in Juneau.

a. **Josh Hallquist**, COR, Cordova Center Project – not present

b. **Cathy Sherman**, Cordova Center Phase II – not present

c. **Moe Zamarron**, with Josh and Cathy both absent – **Zamarron** gave a brief report with no real concerns about the Cordova Center progress since the last report.

#### **K. CORRESPONDENCE**

18. Letter from RCAC to Governor (cc to City) in re: invasive species

19. Letter from Lynch to DCCED in re: Breakwater

20. Letter from Lynch to DCCED in re: North Fill Boat Ramp

#### **L. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS - None**

#### **M. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Vice Mayor Reggiani** called for a five minute recess. There was no objection; Council was in recess from 8:12 pm until 8:17 pm.

21. Health Care Management RFP – Council action

**M/Allison S/Beedle** to accept the proposal from Providence and direct the City Manager to enter into negotiations with Providence for a management contract for all health care systems owned by the City and currently operated under CCMC.

**Allison** said that we have been discussing this for the better part of two years and the employees at the hospital and the whole town is really ready for a change. He said he leaned toward Providence based on the name recognition of Providence to the public (i.e. people have been there in Anchorage and there is a sense of trust in the name). The community needs change and he is ready for that to get going. **Bradford** said he agrees with a lot of what **Allison** said but he prefers the QHR proposal. **Bradford** thought a lot of the additional services in the Providence proposal seemed to have a cost associated with them; also QHR has an excellent retention of contracts; and he has friends who live in Juneau and work at Bartlett and are very happy with QHR's management there.

At this time Council member **EJ Cheshier** joined the meeting via teleconference.

**Allison** said his biggest concern was QHR's local governance model. He wants to get on with turning this over to the professionals. He said HSB couldn't get a quorum last week – i.e. CCMC is out of compliance on many items.

**Beedle** concurred with **Allison** and said that the people he has spoken to prefer Providence so he will support the motion.

**Kacsh** and **Cheshier** weighed in briefly and concurred that they would support the motion and were in favor of Providence.

**Reggiani** said he is supportive of Providence – he likes the way **Allison** put it regarding people being “familiar” with the name. He is sensitive to the term “turning it over” – because he knows we will retain control through the contracts we put in place. He said it was striking that Council was struggling so much with subsidizing the hospital but when the community phone survey was done during the strategic planning process, the message was clear that the community was ok with subsidizing.

Vote on motion: 5 yeas, 1 nay (Bradford), 1 absent (van den Broek). Reggiani – yes; Beedle – yes; Kacsh – yes; Allison – yes; Bradford – no and Cheshier – yes. Motion was approved.

## N. NEW & MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

### 22. Pending Agenda and Calendar

**Bourgeois** mentioned that Council has been looking at capital priorities quarterly and that will come up again in September. **Lynch** said he could work with **Bitney** on this, but would like to know if Council is interested in new things (i.e. projects to add to our list). It was decided that there would be a work session before the first meeting in September. The Clerk will schedule that for 6:30 pm on September 7, 2011.

**Bradford** asked **Ashley Royal** for financial reports to be in the packet for September 7, 2011 Regular Meeting (year to date actuals compared to budget).

## O. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

**Tom Bailer** of 304 Orca Inlet Drive thanked Council for the health care decision – thought they made a good choice. He said he is getting good cooperation from City staff (**Moe** and **Malvin** and water department) working on a water line project. He is happy about the chip sealing program – has made life better here for everyone. He said the public works shop building was sided and looks good.

## P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

### 18. Council Comments

**Kacsh** said he would like the harbor dumpsters put back to the top of the ramps. He would like discussion on it at the next meeting.

**Bradford** is glad to see we are taking giant steps forward with the hospital decision. He said he spoke against Providence and voted against but he is on board and is excited for the changes.

**Allison** is also excited about the Providence move and is glad the employees know the direction we are headed. He agrees to getting the harbor dumpster issue on the agenda.

**Beedle** is also glad for the hospital decision. He said there was a letter about the North Fill boat ramp project and with the pile-driver in town he thought it a good idea to get the project done in two phases and take advantage of the equipment in town. He also wants the breakwater project done as soon as possible to not allow more damage to the harbor floats and piers.

**Reggiani** asked that the Harbormaster write a short memo concerning the harbor dumpster issue so as to bring Council up to speed on the sequence of events, since some of them were not on Council then. He also reported having spent an evening recently speaking with **Warren Wright** of the USCG (liaison for Senator Murkowski's office) about the Sound Developer. **Wright** relayed to him that this was a priority and they would be working hard to deal with it for Cordova. He had said that the USCG had spent a half a million dollars already trying to raise the Sound Developer.

## Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

27. Cordova Center financial update – this executive session was deemed unnecessary and removed during approval of the regular agenda.

## R. ADJOURNMENT

**M/Allison S/Kacsh** to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:54 pm. Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: September 7, 2011

Attest:

  
Susan Bourgeois, City Clerk

