

**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**September 7, 2016 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B**  
**Minutes**

**A. Call to order**

**Mayor Clay Koplín** called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on September 7, 2016 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 Koplín** and Council members **Tim Joyce, Tom Bailer, Josh Hallquist, David Allison** and **James Wiese**. Council member **Robert Beedle** was present via teleconference. Council member **James Burton** was absent. Also present were Interim City Manager **Mike Hicks** and City Clerk **Susan Bourgeois**.

**D. Approval of Regular Agenda**

**M/Joyce S/Bailer** to approve the Regular Agenda.

Hearing no objection the 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

**Sylvia Lange** spoke in favor of item 24. She said that Southeast Conference has been tasked with the logistics of this process - i.e. looking over the AMHS from top to bottom to come up with solutions. She said that **Mike Anderson** - the City's rep on the AMHS Reform Committee, couldn't attend so they have accepted her as a stand-in. She spoke to the contribution request and wants Council to use this as an opportunity to show how important the marine highway is to our community. She offered an idea of challenging Valdez to also make a contribution.

**Mike Anderson** spoke in favor of item 24. He also said it was important to contribute to show how important the Marine Highway is to our community.

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

**Allison** reported that the HSB would be meeting tomorrow night (09-08-16) at 7:00 pm.

**Bailer** said that P&Z met but he missed the meeting.

**Superintendent Russin** spoke about the school district. He reported school is underway and there are new staff on board that are transitioning well. He said P & Z has included a few school projects in their priorities - he said the district's number one priority is a new HVAC system at Mt. Eccles. He thanked the City for all the window work at the Elementary school. He said that project went really well - he is happy with the crew that was here.

4. Student Council Representative Report - was not present

**G. Approval of Consent Calendar**

**Mayor Koplín** declared the consent calendar before Council.

5. Resolution 09-16-32 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the city manager to enter into a three (3) year lease with three (3) additional option periods of three (3) years each for Tract B, Block 34, U.S.S. 449 with Alascom, Inc. dba AT&T Alaska

6. Council concurrence of Mayor Koplín's appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission

Vote on the consent calendar: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Burton). Beedle-yes; Joyce-yes; Hallquist-yes; Wiese-yes; Allison-yes; Bailer-yes and Burton-absent. Consent Calendar was approved.

**H. Approval of Minutes**

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

7. Minutes of 04-06-15 Special Council Meeting

8. Minutes of 09-30-15 Joint Council & HSB Special Meeting

9. Minutes of 10-28-15 Joint Council & HSB Special Meeting

10. Minutes of 11-23-15 Special Council Meeting

11. Minutes of 12-08-15 Special Council Meeting
  12. Minutes of 12-16-15 Special Council Meeting
  13. Minutes of 08-03-16 Regular Council Meeting
  14. Minutes of 08-11-16 Special Council Meeting
- Hearing no objection the motion was approved.

## I. Consideration of Bids

### J. Reports of Officers

15. Mayor's Report – there was a written report in the packet and **Mayor Koplín** added a few items: 1) 9/14/16 he'll be meeting with USCG Admiral – topic will be their infrastructure and hopes for the future; 2) RCAC will be meeting here 9/15 & 16 – he will be making an opening address.
16. Manager's Report – **Interim City Manager Hicks** reported that 1) as **Mr. Russin** had reported, the school windows project went well; 2) plastic bag ordinance is about to be effective – he's been talking to EPC; 3) paving work is done – some edging still in order, some backfilling will still be done; 4) City chip sealing done for the season – Water Street looks best it has looked in years; 5) handout from **Joanie Behrends** about an upcoming ICS for Executives 2 hour class – put on by Homeland Security; 6) **Chief Hicks** said regarding the incident of August 9 – it is an honor and privilege to be the Police Chief and the Fire Chief – he is very proud of how everyone worked so well together and professionally that night through a very difficult situation – he said Council should also be very proud of those folks; 7) he would like some direction on E-911 system – he gave Council a handout at the last meeting about the ProComm Alaska proposal.  
**Bailer** gave a shout out for the first responders as mentioned by the **Chief**. He then asked **Hicks** if there is a little problem with break-ins of late in town – he has heard some stories. **Hicks** confirmed that there have been a few burglaries lately; the department is working on these – there are some leads – he cautioned folks to lock up their stuff. **Beedle** asked about the grant being worked on for moving the public safety building. **Hicks** said it is just in the preliminary stages. It will be on file with the state – the funding is not yet available.
17. City Clerk's Report, **Bourgeois** had a written report and added that she is in touch with two Council members interested in AML – she will be making those arrangements shortly.

### K. Correspondence

18. 07-27-16 Letter from Department of the Navy regarding Final Supplemental EIS
19. 08-03-16 Email questions from Bailer to Rogers re Crater Lake Water (Rogers answers in bold)
20. 08-22-16 Letter from D. Weathers re City sales tax
21. 08-26-16 Thank you from Chenega IRA Council for memorial donation
22. 09-01-16 DNR Shore Fisheries Public Notice re Leases Extensions  
**Beedle** asked if there was a resolution to the **Denny Weathers** letter – item 20. **Hicks** reported that **Stavig** and his finance staff looked into this and it is not about where she lives but about where the service occurs and it is partially within the City so it is not exempt from sales tax.

### L. Ordinances and Resolutions

### M. Unfinished Business

### N. New & Miscellaneous Business

23. Discussion of disaster declaration possibilities for PWS seine season  
There was a handout from Representatives Stutes office with a draft resolution – since this was just received, **Mayor Koplín** suggested bringing this back next time more formally – if Council so wished. Council concurred that **Mayor Koplín** and **Burton** should work on it and bring it back next time.
24. Council action on sponsorship of SEC AMHS Transportation Reform Project  
**Mayor Koplín** prefaced the discussion with information stating that the Cordova Chamber of Commerce had donated \$500 and there was a list on page 62 of the packet showing all of the other donors and the amounts contributed.  
**M/Joyce S/Allison** that the City of Cordova donate \$1500.  
**Joyce** said in looking at the other communities that have contributed, \$1500 seems appropriate for Cordova and our size.  
**Bailer** said then it would seem more like \$2000 as a total from Cordova if the Chamber's \$500 was included. **Mayor Koplín** said that Southeast Conference put in \$100,000 and was hoping they could be matched with all of the communities and businesses, etc. coming up to a total of \$100,000 as well – looks like they are at \$64,850 to date. **Beedle** said he would support this – he wished we could donate \$150,000 as the ferry is very important to our community.

**Wiese** said he thinks this is time for us to ante up – he proposed an amendment... He said that he'd prefer a more worthy amount to use if we are going to try to challenge another City to do the same.

**M/Wiese S/Allison** to amend the amount of the donation to \$3500.

**Bailer** said he was going to take a different tactic – he'd like to donate \$50 into the pot and he'd like to encourage other businesses to do that too. **Joyce** thought that is a better option – if individuals contribute like **Bailer** mentioned, then it is a stronger point to get across. **Beedle** said he doesn't disagree with **Wiese** but he figures we will get another chance to contribute again in the future. **Wiese** said he agrees with **Bailer's** approach and he will withdraw his amendment; the second concurred.

Motion to amend was now off the table.

Vote on the main motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Burton). Beedle-yes; Allison-yes; Wiese-yes; Hallquist-yes; Bailer-yes; Burton-absent and Joyce-yes. Motion was approved.

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

Council concurred that fishing is about over so we should be getting back to the 2 meeting per month schedule starting on the September 21 meeting.

**Joyce** wondered about the School's CIP list going to Planning and Zoning – he seemed to think it is more appropriate to come straight to Council. Assistant Planner **Leif Stavig** was present and answered **Joyce's** question. He said that each year Planning Commission submits a CIP list as a recommendation to Council. **Weston Bennett** had facilities on a list that he submitted for that meeting, including the schools. Planning Commission added his school request to their list. Next week's Planning Commission Meeting will have that agenda item on it (a resolution of the Planning Commission to be forwarded to Council as a recommendation). **Joyce** was concerned that something from the school brought to P & Z might get downgraded there or possibly not brought to Council at all – he just didn't want to see that happen. **Joyce** said he would like an action item next time on request for a staff attorney. He'd like a compilation of City and Hospital Attorney bills over the last 12 – 24 months as he believes it might be in our best interest to have a staff attorney. He does not believe that we are being adequately represented; he thinks we are getting bad advice. There were a few other Council members who agreed. **Allison** said he thinks that a formal action item for the E-911 system should be on an agenda so we don't have to keep hearing about it and staff gets good direction.

#### O. Audience Participation

**Anna Young** resident of Cordova – she said there are horrible problems at the harbor – it is just not safe down there anymore. She said **K** float is in some very bad shape – some dangerous conditions there. She wrote a letter that makes several suggestions as to what she thinks can help. **Mayor Koplin** said that the letter was too late for this packet but will be in the next packet. He also suggested that she attend the next Harbor Commission Meeting next Wednesday.

#### P. Council Comments

**Beedle** said we sure need to work on a speaker system. He also had someone ask him about video conferencing – if the Cordova Center has that capability – **Hicks** said he would get the answer from **Jason Gabrielson** on that.

**Wiese** thanked **Sylvia Lange** for stepping up and donating her own time. He also thanked EMS, Police Department and CCMC staff – they are appreciated, he said he imagines that something like that sticks with them for a long time.

**Hallquist** said he agrees with **Anna** about the conditions in the harbor. He said he is not too impressed with the maintenance we do down at the harbor. He said that falls on the manager to crack the whip and ensure things are getting done.

**Bailer** said he is sure raw fish tax will be down and so when we move ahead with funding projects we have to keep that in mind.

**Mayor Koplin** said it appears to be a light agenda but Council has been putting a lot of time into the executive session items tonight. He wanted to thank the CMAC for taking some of the load off of Council in that regard.

#### Q. Executive Session

**M/Joyce S/Bailer** to enter an executive session to discuss matters that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person; provided that the person may request a public discussion specifically, City Manager candidates and the City Clerk's evaluation.

Hearing no objection the motion was approved.

**Mayor Koplin** called for a five minute recess while the room was cleared, at 8:07 pm.

Council entered the executive session at 8:13 pm.

26. Discussion of City Manager candidates (reason # 2 below)

27. City Clerk's Evaluation (reason # 2 below)

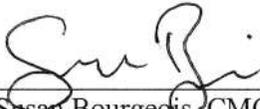
Council came out of executive session at 9:52. **Mayor Koplín** said that they discussed the City Manager recruitment and they conducted the Clerk's evaluation. The Clerk will proceed as directed regarding scheduling meetings for City Manager interviews and the Mayor will proceed as directed regarding the City Clerk's contract.

**R. Adjournment**

**M/Joyce S/Allison** to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 pm.

Approved: September 21, 2016

Attest:   
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Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

