

**Regular City Council Meeting  
November 2, 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 November 2, 2016 in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

**B. Invocation and pledge of allegiance**

*Mayor Clay Koplín* led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Roll call**

Present for roll call were *Mayor Koplín* and Council members *James Burton*, *Tim Joyce*, *Robert Beedle*, *Josh Hallquist*, *David Allison* and *James Wiese*. Council member *Tom Bailer* was present via teleconference. Student Council representative to the City Council, *Corinne Pegau* was also present for roll call. Also present were City Manager *Alan Lanning* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

**D. Approval of Regular Agenda**

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

Hearing no objection, *Mayor Koplín* said the agenda was approved as presented.

**E. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest - none**

**F. Communications by and Petitions from Visitors**

1. Guest Speakers - none

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items

*Kate McLaughlin* President and Executive Director of Prince William Soundkeeper addressed K.13. the letter about the Navy exercises. She thanked the *Mayor* and wholeheartedly approved of his suggestion to hold a work session regarding that item. She handed Council an article she printed that gives some more detail about the harmful chemicals making their way into the water and the environment during these activities.

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

*Beedle* said that he wanted to recognize that *Glenn Anderson* has retired and he had worked for the City for more than 20 years. He thanked *Glenn* for his service and also thanked *Greg LoForte* who would be coming off the Harbor Commission this month.

*Joyce* reported that HSB would be meeting next week.

Parks & Rec - *Susie Herschleb*, Director of Parks and Rec was in the audience and reported that the commission has been mostly focused on community conversations about the Nirvana spit situation. They have also discussed budget priorities which led to a review of the Master Plan. At their next regular meeting they hope to provide an audit of the services provided and discussion should ensue regarding which need to be continued and which maybe they can consider pulling out of.

*Barb Jewell*, President of the School Board reported that there were parent/teacher conferences in progress and *Alex Russin* was at his which is why he wasn't present here - she hoped that many parents were attending the conferences. The board set priorities in September, both for the superintendent and for the board. We are asking the super and the district to focus on strategic planning, a comprehensive social/emotional learning platform - looking at overall things that support the whole student. The board will look at restructuring our committees, developing a better superintendent evaluation process and communications both within the district and with the community. She mentioned that they are grateful for the help the City is giving, especially *Weston Bennett* and engineering crew regarding the windows at Mt. Eccles and the roof (successfully resolved) and the heating system at Mt. Eccles too.

*Bailer* said that P&Z hadn't met

4. Student Council Representative Report *Corinne Pegau* reported that the anti-bullying campaign went well - more pledges still coming in, she followed up with some of Council's suggestions from last meeting. Student Council is also working on leadership skills - she will be attending a leadership conference in Anchorage later in November. She wondered if Council had suggestions on how to assist with leadership training within the High School. *Mayor Koplín* suggested maybe attendance at a Student Council meeting - *Cori* said he should contact *Mr. Clark* if that was a possibility.

**G. Approval of Consent Calendar**

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

5. Continuation of the Historic Preservation Commission

6. Record unexcused absences for **Mayor Koplín** and Council member **Joyce** and excused absences for Council members **Beedle** and **Wiese** from the October 19, 2016 Regular Meeting

Vote on the consent calendar: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Wiese-yes; Burton-yes; Beedle-yes; Hallquist-yes; Allison-yes; Joyce-yes and Bailer-yes. Consent Calendar was approved.

#### H. Approval of Minutes

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

7. Minutes of 10-19-16 City Council Public Hearing

8. Minutes of 10-19-16 Regular Council Meeting

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion approved.

#### I. Consideration of Bids - none

#### J. Reports of Officers

9. Mayor's Report - **Mayor Koplín** thanked **Vice Mayor Bailer** for chairing the two October meetings while he was gone. He received an email from Representative Stutes who wanted to be here tonight but she is campaigning as well as working on AMHS and Tanner Crab fishery issues for us. Emailed with **John Bitney** to get guidance as he and **Hallquist** and **Wiese** prepare for AML meeting. Navy meeting here on December 7 - he'd like that as a work session before the regular meeting. **Mayor Koplín** said he's be writing a letter of support for Alaska Airlines for their EAS status.

10. Manager's Report - **Lanning** said he had sent such a letter of request as well. The manager also reported that he has asked staff to use city council communication forms from now on as the preferred method of communication for written agenda items in council packets. Addressing and E-911 - he's been holding internal meetings and will get back to them in such a format. He has also been working on internal and external meetings, budget and lots of reading - he's about halfway through the City Code. His written report was about used oil reuse and **Beedle** and **Bailer** both commented that they were glad he was looking into it.

11. City Clerk's Report - **Bourgeois** had nothing to add to her written report in the packet. **Beedle** asked about the Valdez question regarding junk car disposal. **Bourgeois** said she forwarded the contact info to the City Planner who said she would work with Valdez to see if a coordinated effort could be looked into between the two cities. **Bourgeois** said it is still in the preliminary stages.

#### K. Correspondence

12. 10-10-16 Letter from John Harvill in re City beautification

13. 10-19-16 Letter from AK Commander regarding NE17 Navy exercises and trip to Cordova to discuss

#### L. Ordinances and Resolutions

14. Ordinance 1148 An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, amending Cordova Municipal Code by removing definitions from chapter 18.08, repealing and reenacting chapter 18.52, and amending the title of section 18.80.040 to update and define nonconforming lots, structures, and uses, to allow for the expansion and alteration of nonconforming structures, and to increase the amount of time a nonconforming use can cease to exist before it is considered discontinued. - 1<sup>st</sup> reading

**M/Joyce S/Beedle** to adopt Ordinance 1148 an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, amending Cordova Municipal Code by removing definitions from chapter 18.08, repealing and reenacting chapter 18.52, and amending the title of section 18.80.040 to update and define nonconforming lots, structures, and uses, to allow for the expansion and alteration of nonconforming structures, and to increase the amount of time a nonconforming use can cease to exist before it is considered discontinued.

**Joyce** said he had a few questions about this and went in to speak to the manager and the planning staff about this to better understand it. He said the way code reads now it is onerous for people wishing to add onto existing structure to be able to do so and still comply with code. This ordinance would alleviate those problems and make it easier for those with non-conforming structures to better their living conditions. He stressed that non-conforming does not mean illegal, it means that it was legal when built but codes have since been changed to then make it non-conforming. **Hallquist** said he thinks this is striking a good balance; it gives staff the tools to work with people in Cordova - not throwing road blocks in their way when they are trying to do something that's legitimate. He supports this. **Bailer** voted against this at P & Z and he commented that he supports most of this, allowing people to build onto existing non-conforming structures, etc. but the problem he has is that it also throws out the minimum square footage of a buildable lot of 4,000 square feet. Assistant

Planner *Leif Stavig* helped to clarify that the ordinance before them, specifically the new section 18.52.030 just is a more clear way to say what we have currently been practicing anyway (as referenced by current code 18.56.010A). *Joyce* said he agrees with Council member *Hallquist* - this will make it easier for people.

Vote on the motion: 6 yeas, 1 nay (Bailer). Motion approved.

#### **M. Unfinished Business - none**

#### **N. New & Miscellaneous Business**

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

*Mayor Koplín* mentioned sobriety next weekend. December 7 would be a work session at 6 pm with the Navy. Council wanted at least one 2 hour strategic planning session before the end of the year - *Lanning* mentioned maybe a combo budget work session and strategic planning - Council opted for Nov. 29 for such a work session. Council confirmed that the second regular meeting in November is canceled. *Bourgeois* then asked for a special meeting on the evening of Thursday Nov. 10 at 6:30 before the HSB meeting, as there would be a bid to vote upon.

#### **O. Audience Participation**

*Scott Pegau* of 110 Mt. Eccles Estates thanked Council for the vote on the ordinance that P & Z had worked through and recommended. He said that it had been super restrictive and now it will be easier for people who hadn't ever done anything illegal.

#### **P. Council Comments**

*Bailer* said he is glad to hear that the schools are getting help from our facilities maintenance person as was always intended. *Joyce* he agrees with that. As far as the small lots - we need to know what the community wants. He thanked *Alan* he knows he's still getting his feet wet, etc.

*Beedle* also welcomed Alan. He mentioned the bioswale going in for the snow dump - he thanked the Copper River Watershed for that.

*Hallquist* thanked staff and audience for coming.

*Burton* and *Wiese* both echoed that.

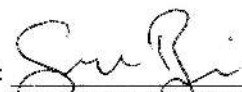
#### **Q. Adjournment**

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

Hearing no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Approved: December 7, 2016

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

