

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 28, 2011 @ 7:00 PM  
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM  
MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

*Vice-Mayor David Reggiani* called the Council Special Meeting to order at 7:02 pm on November 28, 2011 in the Library Meeting Room.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Present for roll call were Council members *Keith van den Broek* (via teleconference), *James Kacsh*, *David Allison* and *David Reggiani*. *Mayor James Kallander*, Council Members *Bret Bradford*, *EJ Cheshier* and *Robert Beedle* were absent. Also present were City Manager *Mark Lynch* and Deputy City Clerk *Robyn Kincaid*.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*M/Allison S/Kacsh* to approve the agenda

Council added *Todd Taylor* of the US Coast Guard as a guest speaker. The executive session on personnel salary review and union negotiations was removed as *Lynch* stated he had nothing new to report.

Vote on motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent. (Bradford, Cheshier and Beedle). Reggiani – yes; van den Broek – yes; Kacsh – yes and Allison – yes. Motion approved.

**D. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - None**

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

\* Guest speaker – Todd Taylor of the US Coast Guard

*Todd Taylor* introduced himself as part of the Marine Safety Unit from Valdez who is in town for the Sound Developer project. They are two weeks into the contract with Global who was hired to salvage the vessel. They will be lifting the vessel and towing it to the mud flat over by the ocean dock yard. They will be moving the vessel up the mud flat as tides allow. The vessel will then be cleaned to the satisfaction of Commander Ben Hawkins. It will then be delivered to the City for final disposal. They are using 26 heavy lift bags and have 5 to 9 people (depending on the day) working 12-hour shifts diving. Alaska Marine Response (AMR) with Andy Craig is running logistics for Global and pollution response for the Coast Guard. There is a proposal with the City now to move the vessel from the mud flat to the ocean dock yard that will be discussed later in the executive session.

*Mayor Kallander* joined the meeting (via teleconference) at 7:10 pm

1. Audience comments regarding agenda items. – None

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

2. Resolution 11-11-42

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska adopting service fees, rates and charges for the 2012 calendar budget – 1<sup>st</sup> reading

*M/Allison S/Kacsh* to approve Resolution 11-11-42, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska adopting service fees, rates and charges for the 2012 calendar budget.

*Allison* stated that he thought the water & sewer rates were being combined into the fee schedule. *Lynch* responded that it is still in the works but the attorney's recommended not doing it right now. *Reggiani* asked if the discount for City employees was a result of the union contract negotiations. *Lynch* responded that it was not, it is just a discount provided for our City employees. *Reggiani* asked about the used oil reception if

they are just trying to place a value on the used oil. **Lynch** responded that the man hour rate increased because labor rates increased and the 5% harbor increase is included in that amount. **Kacsh** pointed out that the fee is for the offloading of large quantities of used oil when the harbor crew has to bring their pump down to the boat.

Vote on motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent. (Bradford, Cheshier and Beedle). Reggiani – yes; van den Broek – yes; Kacsh – yes and Allison – yes. Motion approved.

### 3. Substitute Ordinance 1083

An ordinance of the City of Cordova, Alaska, amending Cordova Municipal Code section 14.16.260 to increase the monthly flat rate for sewer service – 1<sup>st</sup> reading

**M/Allison S/Kacsh** to adopt Ordinance 1083, an ordinance of the City of Cordova, Alaska, amending Cordova Municipal Code section 14.16.260 to increase the monthly flat rate for sewer service

**Lynch** stated that this is just a band-aid to get us through this year. This keeps the rate as low as possible. **Allison** asked if it will pay back the water funds that were borrowed. **Lynch** responded that he had decided to split the funds evenly instead of a heavier portion to water and now the sewer doesn't owe any money. Council decided to forgive the \$21K payment from water to the City's permanent fund till next year and will be contributing to the reserve fund instead. **Allison** clarified that this rate will get them through 2012. **Reggiani** affirmed and added that they will be investing toward it. **Kacsh** asked if this will be an even number for billing. **Lynch** responded that he was not sure.

Vote on motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent. (Bradford, Cheshier and Beedle). van den Broek – yes; Kacsh – yes; Allison – yes and Reggiani – yes. Motion approved.

### G. COUNCIL COMMENTS – None

### H. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

**Jennifer Gibbens**, Browning St, thanked the Coast Guard for working to remove the Sound Developer.

### I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

~~4. Personnel salaries and union negotiations~~

5. Update on Sound Developer

**M/Allison S/Kacsh** to go into an executive session for an update on the Sound Developer subjects which may be discussed are (1) matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the government.

Vote on motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent. (Bradford, Cheshier and Beedle). van den Broek – yes; Kacsh – yes; Allison – yes and Reggiani – yes. Motion approved.

Council entered executive session at 7:25 pm

Present for the executive session were **Mayor James Kallander** (via teleconference), Council members **James Kacsh**, **David Reggiani**, **David Allison**, and **Keith van den Broek** (via teleconference), City Manager **Mark Lynch**, Finance Director **Ashley Royal** and Deputy City Clerk **Robyn Kincaid**.

Council came out of executive session and back into regular session at 7:45 pm

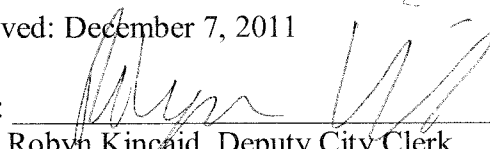
### J. ADJOURNMENT

**M/Allison S/Kacsh** to adjourn.

Hearing no objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Approved: December 7, 2011

Attest:

  
Robyn Kincaid, Deputy City Clerk

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