

**Regular City Council Meeting
December 02, 2015 @ 7:00 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B
Minutes**

A. Call to order

Mayor James Kacsh called the Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on December 02, 2015 in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Invocation and pledge of allegiance

Mayor James Kacsh led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll call

Present for roll call were *Mayor James Kacsh* and Council members *Kristin Carpenter, Tom Bailer, Robert Beedle, Josh Hallquist* and *James Burton*. Council members *Tim Joyce* and *Dave Reggiani* were present via teleconference. Also present were City Manager *Randy Robertson* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

D. Approval of Regular Agenda

M/Burton S/Hallquist to approve the Regular Agenda.

Mayor Kacsh said that *Holly Wells* and her daughter were both ill and she would be unable to call in therefore, item 11 will be removed. *Beedle* asked to remove item L. 8a. He said recently there was a code change that spoke to the addition of action items to the agenda. *Bourgeois* clarified that this was added by amending the agenda ahead of time – it was not being added at the table, as he had believed. *Burton* agreed that the agenda and the packets were appropriately amended. *Beedle* insisted that the code change was about meeting a noon Wednesday deadline and this went against that. *Bourgeois* said that she has a policy which would speak to past practice that if there was a non-contentious item given after the deadline and she could still appropriately amend the agenda and ensure the best possible public notice, she would do so in order to be least disruptive to all involved (i.e. avoiding the need for special meetings). *Joyce* also clarified that *Beedle* was talking about two separate things, adding an action item at approval of the regular agenda vs. giving 24 hours' notice of an amended agenda. *Carpenter* said every effort was made for public notice and there is no money being spent. *Hallquist* asked if 2 council members brought an item to the Clerk with 24 hours' notice if she would also put that on and amend an agenda. *Burton* said he sees this as an issue of governmental efficiency in his mind. *Bourgeois* said her policy has been to amend an agenda in such a way when the item being added is not a contentious item so she would have to say that she would not put an item from two council members on as easily because often those would be contentious items.

M/Beedle S/Bailer to amend the agenda by removing item 8a.

Vote on the motion to amend: 5 yeas, 2 nays. Burton-no; Joyce-yes; Beedle-yes; Hallquist-yes; Carpenter-no; Reggiani-yes and Bailer-yes. Motion was approved.

Vote on the main motion as amended: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Beedle-yes; Joyce-yes; Hallquist-yes; Bailer-yes; Carpenter-yes; Burton-yes and Reggiani-yes. Motion was approved.

E. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

Mayor Kacsh said that *John Wilson* is his father-in-law and he would hand the gavel to the *Vice Mayor* for item 10.

F. Communications by and Petitions from Visitors

1. Guest Speaker - none

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items

John Baenen of 811 Woodland Drive speaking on his own behalf had opinions about the road project, agenda item 9 before Council tonight.

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

Beedle said that Harbor Commission has a meeting coming up and a guest speaker from the State will be in attendance about matching grants.

Carpenter said they will meet tomorrow night and then have a budget meeting on December 8. *Ron Vigus* has a possible lead on an interim CEO. *Vigus* hopes to report to Council on that when he is in town for the December 16 meeting. CCMC might be asking for a fairly big number budget-wise and today they received notice that the CFO will be leaving at the end of the month.

Parks and Rec Director *Susie Herschleb* reported that *P & R* had to cancel last night for lack of a quorum. When they meet again they will have a few new folks on and they'll be discussing volunteerism and a few new committee perhaps. Superintendent *Alex Russin* said that the school district's business manager is retiring so they are actively recruiting for that position. Also he wanted to publicly acknowledge *Rich Rogers* and *Weston Bennett* who came over to Mt. Eccles a couple of weeks ago to help with the window situation there. *Russin* also stated that the girls' volleyball team is at the state tournament this weekend.

4. Student Council Representative Report – was not present

G. Approval of Consent Calendar - none

H. Approval of Minutes - none

I. Consideration of Bids - none

J. Reports of Officers

5. Mayor's Report – *Mayor Kacsh* said he is still aiming to meet with the governor and ADFG commissioner concerning a tanner crab fishery.

6. Manager's Report – *Robertson* said that on Monday December 7 from 5-7 pm the AMHS representatives will be here to get input from Cordova and to give a presentation.

7. City Clerk's Report – *Bourgeois* had no report.

K. Correspondence

8. 11-10-15 Mayor Kacsh letter to Senator Micciche

L. Ordinances and Resolutions - none

M. Unfinished Business

9. City Bonded Paving Project – Council action on scope of work

M/Burton S/Bailer to modify the original Nicholoff/Harbor Loop scope of work, pursuant to considering the P & Z Commission's recommendations as follows...and I guess we'll just talk about it.

After lengthy Council back and forth discussion including input from *John Baenen*, Planning staff and Public Works Director and staff...

M/Reggiani S/Bailer to amend the motion by adding 4 suggestions after as follows: a) re-use existing base gravels @ Nicholoff and Harbor Loop (2400'), b) eliminate valley gutters on Harbor Loop, c) re-use existing catch basins on Harbor Loop (10 ea), and d) re-use existing buried piping on Harbor Loop (~500').

After further lengthy discussion:

Vote on the motion to amend: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Joyce-yes; Bailer-yes; Burton-yes; Beedle-yes; Reggiani-yes; Hallquist-yes and Carpenter-yes. Motion approved.

Back to the main motion – any issue on the island – *Bailer* is against. *Joyce* not so in favor of the island either.

M/Hallquist S/Carpenter to amend the motion again to make the island a deductive alternate.

Vote on the motion to amend: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Carpenter-yes; Hallquist-yes; Bailer-yes; Beedle-yes; Burton-yes; Reggiani-yes and Joyce-yes. Motion approved.

Vote on the main motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Hallquist-yes; Reggiani-yes; Bailer-yes; Beedle-yes; Carpenter-yes; Joyce-yes and Burton-yes. Motion approved.

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

10. Disposal of Old City Hall Building – *Mayor Kacsh* handed the gavel to *Vice Mayor Burton* and left the council table

M/Beedle S/Carpenter to remove the vacant office space in the existing City Hall building.

Joyce asked for clarification as to what that meant. *Beedle* said that was what was written in the memo from the Planning and Zoning Commission as a recommendation. *Bailer* asked if he could clarify – he said that P&Z received a memo that said that the City Council has made it a priority to maximize the use of the existing City Hall building while the fire and police remain in there. He said all of us on P & Z went back to the recollection that the City Hall was supposed to go away. Now, he said if you go back to the recommendation from 2009 – it was to either lease it out or let it go cold. *Bailer* said that option wasn't presented to P & Z – i.e. to let it go cold. He said P & Z may have come up with another recommendation if that was given to them as an option. *Joyce* said that back then there was a lot of public input

and the opinion was to dispose of one building and the choice was the Library/Museum building as the one that should be disposed of because it was going to be empty. Really, we couldn't do much with City Hall because fire and police are still there and that is why the next step after that committee was to look for a new place for fire and police. **Reggiani** said it is good to look back at opinions from the past but that could be stale as well. He suggests referring it back to staff, kicking it back to P&Z for a fresh look now that the Cordova Center is complete with a more informed recommendation.

M/Reggiani S/Joyce to refer to the Planning and Zoning Commission as stated above.

Hallquist said his comment would be that P & Z should look closely at the option that **Mr. Robertson** has presented with the supporting information from **Chief Hicks** and **Paul Trumblee** – it seems like a really good fit to consolidate all of the law enforcement into one location and rent the space to the Alaska State Troopers.

Vote on the motion to refer: 7 yeas, 0 nays, Beedle-yes; Carpenter-yes; Burton-yes; Hallquist-yes; Bailer-yes; Reggiani-yes and Joyce-yes. Motion approved.

~~11. Marijuana regulations – briefing by City Attorney Holly Wells~~ this item was removed at approval of regular agenda

12. Pending Agenda, Calendar, Elected & Appointed Officials list

Special meeting 6:45 pm on 12/8/15 to handle item that was stricken from the agenda tonight. Also a noon special meeting on 12/16/15 to meet with **Ron Vigus** of QHR. **Robertson** also reminded that 1/20/16 would be the date for the attorney RFP presentations which could be earlier than normal and might be a working dinner arrangement.

O. Audience Participation

Mike Hicks addressed Council as Fire Chief, Police Chief and private citizen – he said operationally it would be a win: win for the Alaska State Troopers to move into the old City Hall space. He is in Anchorage this week and has spoken with **Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety Bill Comer** and has also spoken with **Colonel Steve Bear** of the Alaska Wildlife Troopers and **Lieutenant Paul McConnell**. All of them are aware of the arrangement that is being proposed. **Colonel Bear** said that things are moving forward on his end they have sent their needs to the Department of Administration. **Hicks** said part of his job and also Council's job is to be fiscally responsible to the citizens. He said the State took \$104k out of his budget this year due to cuts in the jail contract and combined with moving DMV back into the public safety building, this would be approximately \$42k annually back into the City coffers – he thinks that needs to be considered.

P. Council Comments

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Hallquist thanked staff for all their work on the budget.

Bailer said there is still a lot to consider regarding the Troopers into City Hall and P & Z will look it over before making their decision.

Beedle said there is a feral cat problem. He said he would also thank staff for their work – budget time is tough. He also wants to thank Council – we don't get paid, it takes a lot of time. He said he would like some better speakers for the phone system. He was pleasantly surprised at the packet of materials that came in the mail to him from QHR – training materials.

Q. Executive Session - none

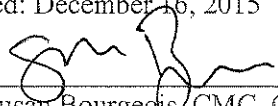
R. Adjournment

M/Burton S/Bailer to adjourn.

Hearing no objections the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Approved: December 16, 2015

Attest:


Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

