

**Regular City Council Meeting
December 5, 2018 @ 7:00 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B
Minutes**

A. Call to order

Mayor Clay Koplín called the Council regular meeting to order at 7:05 pm on December 5, 2018, 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 Clay Koplín* and Council members *Ken Jones, Melina Meyer, Anne Schaefer, David Allison* and *James Wiese*. Council members *James Burton* and *Jeff Guard* were present via teleconference. Also present were City Manager *Alan Lanning* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

D. Approval of Regular Agenda

M/Allison S/Schaefer to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

E. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

Meyer disclosed that her parents own the Reluctant Fisherman which the liquor license renewal protest is being considered in the consent calendar item. *Mayor Koplín* ruled that he did not think that was a conflict - he asked Council if they agreed - they did.

F. Communications by and Petitions from Visitors

1. Guest Speakers
2. Audience comments regarding agenda items - none
3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

CCMCA Board

Cordova School District Superintendent *Alex Russin* said the evacuation went well at the high school and the students were in the elementary school gym for a couple of hours, after Friday's earthquake. Staff and students all handled it appropriately. Volleyball and wrestlers were in Anchorage at the time, he thanked the coaches and chaperones who helped make them feel safe. He thanked the Council members he has been able to connect with these last few weeks to further discuss the schools and their needs and programs.

4. Student Council Representative Report - was not present

G. Approval of Consent Calendar

5. Council action to waive right to protest the renewal of liquor license for Cannery Row Inc, dba, Reluctant Fisherman Inn

Vote on the approval of the consent calendar: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Schaefer-yes; Burton-yes; Guard-yes; Meyer-yes; Allison-yes; Jones-yes and Wiese-yes. Consent calendar was approved.

H. Approval of Minutes

M/Schaefer S/Jones to approve the minutes.

6. Minutes of the 11-07-18 Regular Council Meeting

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

I. Consideration of Bids

J. Reports of Officers

7. Mayor's Report - *Mayor Koplín* reported that *Bitney* is still trying to get engagement with the new administration and he is also getting a pulse on how the legislature is setting up. Alaska Shellfish Growers Association annual meeting going on in Cordova this week, out at Orca Lodge.

8. Manager's Report -City Manager *Alan Lanning* reported 1) tomorrow night's joint work session on health care is canceled; 2) he's been reconstructing the budget, he sent an updated one to you, there will be a few changes but not far off from what you last saw; 3) borough meeting on December 13 in Whittier, he asked if anyone could attend - there will

be a televised meeting here – Mayor Koplín said that *Sylvia Lange* will be in Anchorage and has said she will attend and can submit a report to council.

9. City Clerk's Report

a. Resolution 09-18-22 CIP List (for Council review/direction to staff)

Bourgeois said she's beginning preparations for the March 5, 2019 election – there are 2 items later tonight that could be ballot props as well as 3 Council seats, the Mayor, 2 school board and 2 CCMCA board seats. Declaration of candidacy opens January 8.

K. Correspondence

10. 11-21-18 Email from C. Smith re Polar Bear

11. 11-28-18 Letter from Cordova School District re FY19 City Budget

L. Ordinances and Resolutions

12. Resolution 12-18-30 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the City to issue harbor revenue bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$5,000,000 to finance the planning, design, construction and acquisition of harbor and related capital improvements in the city, including without limitation repair and replacement of facilities at the Cordova South Harbor, and to submit the question of the issuance of such bonds to the qualified voters of the city at the March 5, 2019 Regular City Election; and declaring the intent of the City of Cordova to reimburse original expenditures for costs of the planning, design, construction and acquisition of such harbor and related capital improvements

M/Jones S/Wiese to approve Resolution 12-18-30 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the City to issue harbor revenue bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$5,000,000 to finance the planning, design, construction and acquisition of harbor and related capital improvements in the city, including without limitation repair and replacement of facilities at the Cordova South Harbor, and to submit the question of the issuance of such bonds to the qualified voters of the city at the March 5, 2019 Regular City Election; and declaring the intent of the City of Cordova to reimburse original expenditures for costs of the planning, design, construction and acquisition of such harbor and related capital improvements

Jones said this has been identified as the highest priority of the city for a while now, primarily the south harbor reconstruction – it has come up again and again in strategic planning and comprehensive planning processes. The Harbor Commission has passed a resolution asking us to do this. *Schaefer* asked what would occur if we did not get the award of the Tier 1 grant. *Mayor Koplín* explained that the City Council could opt to use the \$5 Million for a lesser project still or didn't have to – *Bourgeois* agreed. *Allison* said he agreed we could use the \$5M but it may not be smart to in case we get the grant in the future. He thinks we should probably revisit that decision if it does occur that way. *Allison* also opined that Council should garner lots of public support for this. *Meyer* agreed with that and wanted it to be very clear to the voters that the bond payments would be made with the fish tax and increased rates.

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

13. Resolution 12-18-31 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, submitting to the qualified voters of the City at the March 5, 2019 Regular City Election the question of the levy of a **0.5%** tax on the value of raw fish landed in the City, with the proceeds of the tax to be dedicated to pay the cost of harbor improvements, repair and maintenance, including without limitation payment of debt service on bonds issued to pay the cost of harbor and related capital improvements

M/Jones S/Schaefer to approve Resolution 12-18-31 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, submitting to the qualified voters of the City at the March 5, 2019 Regular City Election the question of the levy of a **0.5%** tax on the value of raw fish landed in the City, with the proceeds of the tax to be dedicated to pay the cost of harbor improvements, repair and maintenance, including without limitation payment of debt service on bonds issued to pay the cost of harbor and related capital improvements.

Jones said he is in favor of this as long as we can assure that this tax is for paying for the bond and then future waterfront improvements. He wants to be assured that this can be dedicated that way. *Bourgeois* offered that if there is created a line item for this as a revenue into the Harbor Enterprise fund then it could safely be assured to be used in that way into the future even after the bond is repaid. *Jones* said we may have conservatively estimated what this tax would earn, he wondered if there was a high year, could excess revenue pay down the bond more quickly. *Lanning* said the minimum pay down time by Alaska law is 10 years – so we could pay it down after 10 years.

Bourgeois also mentioned that an ordinance will be formulated soon that codifies this tax collection, perhaps there can be mention in the code language about where this money goes and how it can be spent. *Allison* agreed with *Bourgeois* and said he thinks there are ways to ensure that this will be used for Harbor. Guard said there could be a sunset clause that could solve this issue. Council member *Meyer* said she was not in favor of that because there are many future

maintenance issues in the Harbor, so this should remain a continued source of funding those items. **Jones** agreed and wasn't in favor of a sunset clause.

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

14. Resolution 12-18-32 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska adopting harbor fees, rates and charges for the 2019 calendar budget

M/Jones S/Allison to approve Resolution 12-18-32 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska adopting harbor fees, rates and charges for the 2019 calendar budget

Jones said this goes along with the previous resolution and he is in favor. He said Harbor Commission did a comparison and these rates are comparable with competing Harbors around the state.

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Allison-yes; Meyer-yes; Jones-yes; Guard-yes; Wiese-yes; Burton-yes and Schaefer-yes. Motion was approved.

M. Unfinished Business

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

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

Allison asked when the other fees would be coming - **Lanning** said December 19. **Bourgeois** said budget will also be on next one and CoHo disposal will go to Planning December 11 and then to Council on December 19. CIP on next agenda too. **Mayor Koplín** asked for **Bitney** to be on the phone for that. **Bourgeois** wondered if there was need for one more budget work session. There was no interest for that.

O. Audience Participation

P. Council Comments

Schaefer said good job to everyone who responded on Friday with the earthquake and also a good job by the High School Volleyball team at state.

Jones thanked everyone for the support on the Harbor bond and propositions. Hopefully the voters will pass these, and we can start to rebuild a vital piece of infrastructure in our community.

Wiese thanks for attendance and thanks **Sylvia** for being willing to attend the borough meeting in Whittier.

Burton echoed the thanks.

Meyer also echoed thanks.

Allison thanked the school for all their efforts and a shout out to ACS for picking up the volleyball state tournament in an emergency situation. He found it interesting to note that Valdez is sending their City Manager to this borough meeting.

Q. Executive Session

16. City Manager's Annual Evaluation

M/Allison S/Wiese to enter executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person; provided that the person may request a public discussion, specifically, the City Manager's Annual evaluation.

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

Mayor Koplín recessed the meeting at 7:43 pm with no objection to clear the room before the executive session.

Council entered executive session at 7:45 pm and re-entered open session at 9:23 pm.

Mayor Koplín stated that no action was taken in the executive session.

M/Allison S/Schaefer to have the Mayor to proceed as was directed by the Council in the executive session.

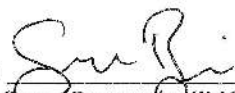
R. Adjournment

M/Allison S/Meyer to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection Mayor Koplín adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm.

Approved: December 19, 2018

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

