

**Regular City Council Meeting
December 20, 2017 @ 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 7:00 pm on December 20, 2017, 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 *Ken Jones, Jeff Guard, Robert Beedle, Anne Schaefer, David Allison* and *James Wiese*. Council member *James Burton* was absent. Also present were Student Council representative *Olivia Carroll*, Information Services Director *Cathy Sherman*, Public Works Director *Rich Rogers* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

D. Approval of Regular Agenda

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

Vote on the motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Burton). 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

Kristin Carpenter spoke in favor of passage of item 14.

Tammy Altermott of 811 Woodland Drive spoke against the passage of agenda item 17.

Tom Carpenter of 501 Sunnyside Drive spoke against the passage of item 17.

Don Scutt of 204 Boardwalk spoke against item 17.

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions - no reports

4. Student Council Representative Report - *Olivia Carroll* reported that the Seniors won the Deck the Halls competition, she thanked *Mayor Koplín* for coming over to judge the hallways. She said wrestlers ended a good season, Robotics will be attending their state competition.

G. Approval of Consent Calendar

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

5. Resolution 12-17-34 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, adopting an alternative allocation method for the FY18 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program and certifying that this allocation method fairly represents the distribution of significant effects of fisheries business activity in FMA 15: Prince William Sound

6. Exception for Moose Lodge to open early for football playoffs per CMC 6.12.020C

7. Record excused absences of Council members *Jones* and *Beedle* from the December 6, 2017 regular meeting

Vote on the consent calendar: 6 yeas, 0 nays. Allison-yes; Schaefer-yes; Jones-yes; Beedle-yes; Wiese-yes; Burton-absent and Guard-yes. Consent Calendar was approved.

H. Approval of Minutes

8. Minutes of the 12-6-17 Council Public Hearing

9. Minutes of the 12-6-17 Council Regular Meeting

M/Beedle S/Allison to approve the minutes.

Vote on the motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Burton). Motion was approved.

I. Consideration of Bids

J. Reports of Officers

10. Mayor's Report - *Mayor Koplín* had a written report in the packet and again expressed that he was impressed by Cordova's showing at Board of Fish - he thinks it had a lot to do with how the board made some decisions. He mentioned that he was at the City Shop today and he was amazed at the condition, neat, clean, organized it looked. The equipment maintenance was good as well.

11. Manager's Report - Acting City Manager **Cathy Sherman** had a written report in the packet, nothing was added.
12. City Clerk's Report - **Bourgeois** had no report.

K. Correspondence - none

L. Ordinances and Resolutions

13. Ordinance 1162 an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, repealing and reenacting Cordova municipal code chapter 8.40 "marijuana regulation" removing the expired temporary prohibition against marijuana establishments within the City of Cordova, adopting regulations for such establishments, repealing and reenacting Cordova municipal code chapter 18.60 "conditional use permits" to include commercial marijuana facilities as a conditional use within the City and clarifying the conditional use process applicable to such facilities, and amending Cordova municipal code section 5.40.012 "surtax levied on certain sales, services, and rents," to levy a surtax on the sale of retail marijuana and marijuana products within the city - 1st reading

M/Allison S/Guard to adopt Ordinance 1162 an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, repealing and reenacting Cordova municipal code chapter 8.40 "marijuana regulation" removing the expired temporary prohibition against marijuana establishments within the City of Cordova, adopting regulations for such establishments, repealing and reenacting Cordova municipal code chapter 18.60 "conditional use permits" to include commercial marijuana facilities as a conditional use within the City and clarifying the conditional use process applicable to such facilities, and amending Cordova municipal code section 5.40.012 "surtax levied on certain sales, services, and rents," to levy a surtax on the sale of retail marijuana and marijuana products within the city.

M/Beedle S/Jones to change the buffers to the same as would get us to map 2 in the packet (the same as state buffer zones but adding 1000' from schools).

Mayor Koplin wanted to clarify that with this change, this ordinance will have been significantly amended and therefore, would come again for first reading at the January 7, 2018 meeting. **Allison** believed that if we are going to institute these specific buffers, we shouldn't think of it as being able to be changed later. That would make it too difficult for people interested in investing in property, etc. If anything he believed we should be more restrictive now and then loosen up the buffers vs. the other way. Therefore, he said he was not in favor of the amendment. **Guard** and **Schaefer** both spoke in favor of the amendment. **Wiese** and **Jones** also spoke in support of the amendment.

Vote on the motion: 5 yeas, 1 nay (Allison), 1 absent (Burton). Motion was approved.

Vote on the main motion as amended: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Burton). Motion was approved.

14. Resolution 12-17-35 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, supporting establishment of a Cordova Community Foundation

M/Beedle S/Jones to approve Resolution 12-17-35 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, supporting establishment of a Cordova Community Foundation

Beedle said this is a great thing, it's about time. **Jones** wanted to know if this is a one per community thing or this can be copied for more specific endowments. **Carpenter** was still on the line and was able to answer. Yes, she said, within the fund there can be specific interests setup. **Jones** said he would come visit her and pick her brain about this at a later time.

Vote on the motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Burton). Motion was approved.

M. Unfinished Business

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

15. Council approval of amendments to City Manager's contract

M/Allison S/Guard to approve the City Manager's contract with the amendments, as presented.

Allison said the evaluation was positive and we negotiated these items with the City Manager so he is in favor.

Vote on the motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Burton). Motion was approved.

16. Council approval of amendments to City Clerk's contract

M/Wiese S/Allison to approve the City Clerk's contract with the amendments, as presented.

Wiese said her review was very positive. **Allison** agreed and added that at last year's review, this was negotiated in as a change to her contract after another positive review; this is fulfilling that.

Vote on the motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Burton). Motion was approved.

17. Council approval of budget transfers for bonuses/adjustments

M/Guard S/Schaefer to approve the budget transfers from the general fund reserve to the line items as recommended.

Guard says this is a tough thing to do because we have been cutting schools but to speak to the concerns about a surplus, this was the 2017 budget where whole line items were zeroed and the staff stuck to that and still came in under. We are in a deferred maintenance period and that is why we still need the increased revenue for the future. These are not huge

bonuses, this is recognition for a job well done. **Schaefer** agreed that this is showing appreciation and in the future she would prefer to get to the point where cost of living increases are given instead. **Allison** agreed and said the exempt staff was willing to give up their cola increases in passing the 2017 budget. **Jones** said he couldn't recall these items. **Mayor Koplín** explained the second item, the \$18,995 was the Manager's discretion to give bonuses to exempt staff. The other two, **Jones** said he did remember. **Allison** clarified that these would be coming from the general fund reserve not the permanent fund. **Beedle** said he wouldn't be supporting this. **Jones** agreed with **Beedle** and said his hands were tied as a new council member on the Manager's bonus and Clerk's increase; he believes those are contractual so he believes they should be approved. He was not in favor of the other bonuses; he didn't recall approving it so if uninformed, vote no. **Wiese** said there is merit in what **Jones** has said but he thinks we are in a better position than what we were in and staff played a big part in that and he thinks this is appropriate. **Mayor Koplín** clarified that these have been approved and this agenda item is just transferring from one account line item to another to handle the appropriations. **Guard** said he supports this. **Schaefer** agreed with **Guard**, will cost a lot more in the long run, retraining, etc., a little goes a long way in acknowledging a job well done.

Vote on the motion: 3 yeas (Guard, Allison, Schaefer), 3 nays (Jones, Beedle, Wiese). Motion fails.

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

Mayor Koplín asked how Council would like to see these on a future agenda, should they be brought forward as separate items. After discussion it was revealed that the City Manager has that spending authority to give such bonuses, this was just giving him the funding mechanism. So, it does not have to come before Council again. **Beedle** asked for an audit presentation. **Mayor Koplín** said he would look into that. **Jones** said he would like a discussion about the rock quarry next to the shipyard. He said maybe that could be talked about during the CIP list item. **Jones** asked about updates on DC and harbor funding, also update on USCG, dredging near Camtu's.

O. Audience Participation

Tammy Altermott thanked council for what they do. Spoke against the sales tax cap increase, gave examples of how it will affect her business.

Mark Frohnapfel spoke against the motor fuel tax.

Doug Lechner of 13101 Bainbridge Rd Anchorage, VP of Marketing for Shoreside Petroleum, spoke against the motor fuel excise tax, Ordinance 1156.

Don Scutt of 204 Boardwalk Way, Manager of Northstar Lumber, spoke against the sales tax cap increase.

P. Council Comments

Schaefer thanked people for attending and giving comments.

Jones thanked council, the audience.

Wiese thanked those that came to speak.

Guard wished there had been more input while they were making the decisions.

Beedle congratulations to robotics club and wrestlers, work hard and don't give up. He was glad to support the Alaska community foundation fund. He'd like to see a scholarship fund for graduating kids. He commented how do we know we have a surplus in 2017 but we don't even know about 2016. Then he said Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

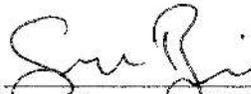
Allison echoed Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Q. Adjournment

M/Allison S/Wiese to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Approved: January 17, 2018

Attest: 
Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

