

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 02, 2014 @ 7:30 PM
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James Kacsh called the Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 pm on January 2, 2014 in the Library Meeting Room.

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, Bret Bradford, EJ Cheshier, Dave Reggiani* and *James Burton*. Council Members *Tim Joyce* and *David Allison* were present via teleconference. Also present were City Manager *Randy Robertson* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

D. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

M/Reggiani S/Cheshier to approve the Regular Agenda.

Vote on motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Burton-yes; Joyce-yes; Cheshier-yes; Bradford-yes; Carpenter-yes; Reggiani-yes and Allison-yes. Motion passes.

E. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - none

F. COMMUNICATIONS BY AND PETITIONS FROM VISITORS

1. Guest Speaker - none

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items

Katrina Hoffman of 301 South Second Street thanked the room full of people she sees who are willing to give their time to the community especially on a holiday week, she is grateful for that. She said she has appreciated *Randy (Robertson)* since he has come on; he has been proactive in his communication with the science center. She said she knows Council will be looking at a revised lease in executive session; she said the new language she has inserted is all about maintenance and operations. She hopes there are no strong concerns or major objections with that language. She would be happy to answer those concerns now, but she is getting on the early ferry tomorrow and will not be sticking around for the entire Council meeting. She said if agreed upon she and *Randy* will work together to complete the process.

Tom Bailer 304 Orca Inlet Rd. just wanted to clarify that how can negotiations for a public asset be done in closed session? Maybe at some point tonight someone can clarify that for him.

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

Harbor – Burton said no meeting in January – next is February

HSB – Allison said there would be an HSB meeting on January 15.

Parks and Rec – Carpenter said they haven't had another meeting since last Council report.

Planning and Zoning – Reggiani said P&Z would be meeting on Tuesday January 7.

School Board – Bradford said there would be a meeting January 8.

G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor James Kacsh informed Council that the consent calendar was before them.

Item 8 was called out and therefore, removed from the consent calendar. It was placed under I, consideration of bids.

5. Resolution 01-14-01 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska authorizing Randy Robertson, City Manager, to execute any and all documents that may be required by the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation to reflect the indebtedness, the terms of its

repayment, and any security therefor, including but not limited to an agreement for the loan and a promissory note regarding water quality at the refuse transfer site.

6. Resolution 01-14-02 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska authorizing Randy Robertson, City Manager, to execute any and all documents that may be required by the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation to reflect the indebtedness, the terms of its repayment, and any security therefor, including but not limited to an agreement for the loan and a promissory note regarding water system improvements.

7. Resolution 01-14-03 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska thanking Mr. McCallister, Ms. Humphrey-Barnett and the entire board of the Providence Alaska Foundation for their extraordinary gifts including funding the largest acquisition of exercise and diagnostic equipment and the greatest expansion of health-related programming in the City's recent history.

~~8. Contract approval with Arctic Information Technology for TotalCare managed information technology services~~

Vote on Consent Calendar: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Bradford-yes; Reggiani-yes; Allison-yes; Cheshier-yes; Carpenter-yes; Joyce-yes and Burton-yes. Consent Calendar was approved.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Reggiani S/Burton to approve the Minutes.

9. Regular Meeting Minutes 12-04-13

10. Public Hearing Minutes 12-18-13

Vote on motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Cheshier-yes; Allison-yes; Bradford-yes; Joyce-yes; Carpenter-yes; Burton-yes and Reggiani-yes. Motion passes.

I. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

8. Contract approval with Arctic Information Technology for TotalCare managed information technology services

M/Cheshier S/Carpenter to direct the City Manager to enter into a contract with Arctic IT, to provide TotalCare managed services and associated work for an annual sum of Eighty Six Thousand dollars and no cents (\$86,000).

Cheshier asked if this is a fair contract, he has nothing to go by on this one. He wondered what previous contracts for this looked like. *Robertson* said the short answer is this is an extraordinary contract, extraordinarily fair for the City. He mentioned moving to the cloud, i.e. away from the 12 year old server. He said we went through this in detail in the budget process. *Bradford* said he has a lot of heartburn with this contract; he thought we budgeted separately \$16K for all of the workstations that needed to be updated. He didn't believe that we had a previous contract with Arctic IT for this. *Robertson* said if there are concerns, he asked if next time they could let him know a day or more ahead of time so the appropriate staff is here with the answers that Council needs. *Bradford's* concern is that it is for 24 months – he doesn't want to tie the hands of future Council's when we have only budgeted for one year. *Carpenter* thought we did not have a contract and the plus side of this is that it makes the scope of work more articulated. *Robertson* said he really thought this was fairly explained in the past because the numbers we put in the budget were equal to the ask in this contract approval; i.e. \$86K. Arctic was actually in last week, doing some year end and working more on the cloud implementation and if he had known there were any concerns, he may have stopped that from occurring. *Reggiani* said he can understand *Bradford's* concerns. To him this looks like a maintenance agreement and he had trouble following it as well. He thinks it would be helpful to have *Laura Cloward* at the next meeting and he's sorry that we didn't give *Robertson* the heads up. *Cathy Sherman* was present and asked if she could answer any questions. *Robertson* asked *Sherman* if she recalled how long we have had Arctic IT as a contractor; she responded, since 2006. *Bradford* said he is still concerned about the cost of \$7350/month for 57 computers and the 24 month term. He said they have no liability in this contract. *Sherman* said there is a 60 day notice to quit that we can exercise at any time and that clause has been in there since 2006. *Sherman* said as far as their

service goes, we haven't had any major issues and we are happier with this company now than we have been in a couple of years. They have stepped up to the plate and have come through for us when we have emergencies. We have a great working relationship currently. *Reggiani* said he is glad to hear that because he thought that not too long ago we were concerned about Arctic IT and their performance. *Sherman* agreed, but said yes it has improved greatly mostly due to the consolidation of all of our IT requests/concerns/needs being all funneled through one person now; *Laura Cloward*, a great move on the City's part hiring that position and person. *Bradford* asked if we had Total Care last year. *Sherman* said we got there about half way through the year. *Bradford* said he would like to know what we paid Arctic IT last year. *Robertson* said remember that will be in many different budgets last year, we did consolidate that into one location in the 2014 budget. In 2014 we are saving \$26K alone with this contract (because of cloud migration) in that we are not purchasing the new server for that amount. *Robertson* also said that this contract conceptually is what other vendors that we explored had to offer. We spoke with *Mr. Kelly* at CTC, we spoke with GCI. *Carpenter* said she would just like to know if this contract is the industry standard; we are entrusting this company with our security. *Joyce* opined that we talked about the price during budget and he is comfortable with staff bringing this to us for approval. *Mayor Kacsh* said he is comfortable because he knows what he is paying for essentially the same IT services and he has one tenth of the number of workstations and pays about one tenth the price monthly.

M/Bradford S/Reggiani to refer to staff and he will forward specific questions he would like answered.

Burton asked if this will affect the price. *Robertson* does not know the answer to that. *Sherman* said she would do her best to explain it to them but she wouldn't want to go too long. *Bradford* said he would propose a special meeting early next week if needed. *Reggiani* said he believes that staff knows they could ask for a special meeting if necessary once they can answer the questions that have been posed.

Vote on motion: 5 yeas, 2 nays. Bradford-yes; Reggiani-yes; Cheshier-yes; Carpenter-yes; Joyce-no; Allison-no and Burton-yes. Motion passes.

J. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

11. Mayor's Report – *Mayor Kacsh* said next week on Tuesday reps from PWSRCAC will be in town. He spoke to *Angela Reilly* of Eyak Corp about the possibility of creating a veteran's memorial and she is asking for City input on possible locations.

12. Manager's Report – *Robertson* reported that until about five minutes ago, he'd say it was the best week he has had in Cordova. There was some great news this week including: 1) Pool and Bidarki are now open on Sundays; 2) NVE has purchased the blood pressure apparatus for Bidarki – an almost \$5K donation; 3) Homeland Security has granted us an extra \$97K for the emergency generator at the USFS building; 4) *Senator Stevens* is visiting next week – and agenda is being put together, *John Bitney* will be here as well; 5) he is looking to fill the PWD position with an engineer – that is being advertised currently; *Josh Hallquist* is filling in during the interim; he has asked *Ms. Greenwood* to move over and help *Hallquist* through this and it may be a realignment in the future to have Planning under the Public Works Department – i.e. under the City Engineer; 6) January 20 Siemens Corporation will conduct an energy audit – three day process, at no cost to us; 7) Mt. Eccles playground – steel had been unaccounted for and it was uncertain if it was on a barge by mistake back to Seattle – it appears now as though it will be at the Elementary school tomorrow morning; 8) *Susan Start* of DEC will be here in 2 weeks to meet with *Dahl, Greenwood, Hallquist* and *Robertson* to discuss Baler and LT2 projects; 9) *Shannon Joekay* in planning has resigned, she has been a positive asset to the City but has taken a better paying position in town and she will be missed; 10) we received \$150K from Providence in the form of a grant for exercise equipment for Bidarki – he thanked *Theresa Carte* for efforts in helping make that happen.

13. City Clerk's Report – *Bourgeois* said she has confirmed with the State Division of Elections that if Cordova were interested in holding a special City election on November 4, 2014 that we could work out the details to pull that off in concert with the State Election occurring on the same day and in the same location and with the same election staff. As far as the Regular City Election – the advertising and

preparations have begun and we are electing 2 Council members this year and 1 school board member and there will be one ballot proposition concerning trapping regulations – this was an initiative petition. The election date is March 4, 2014 and the declaration of candidacy period opens January 7, 2014.

K. CORRESPONDENCE

14. D. Weathers letter to Council regarding Harbor fill 12-20-13

L. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

M. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. Council concurrence of Mayor's appointment(s) to various City Boards and Commissions

Mayor Kacsh asked for Council concurrence in appointing *Robert Beedle* and *Max Wiese* to the Harbor Commission.

M/Cheshier S/Carpenter to concur with those appointments.

Vote on motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Carpenter–yes; Bradford–yes; Joyce–yes; Cheshier–yes; Burton–yes; Reggiani–yes and Allison–yes. Motion passes.

Mayor Kacsh asked for Council concurrence in appointing *Allen Roemhildt* to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

M/Cheshier S/Burton to concur with that appointment.

Reggiani understands that those are two good candidates for P&Z and he was wondering the Mayor's thought process on his choosing *Allen* over *Mark (Frohnapfel)*.

Mayor Kacsh said he appreciates a fresh voice and enthusiasm.

Reggiani said he has worked on City committees with *Mark* and he has done an outstanding job and he would have leaned that way even though it was a difficult choice so he will not support the appointment.

Vote on motion: 6 yeas, 1 nay. Joyce–yes; Allison–yes; Burton–yes; Cheshier–yes; Reggiani–no; Bradford–yes and Carpenter–yes. Motion passes.

N. NEW & MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

16. Discussion of live-streaming of City Council meetings

Mayor Kacsh said meetings used to be on the GCI scanner channel and he has spoken with someone who may be interested in putting Council meetings on the internet (i.e. live-streaming). He was just bringing this to Council's attention. After short Council discussion Council concurred that if someone was interested in pursuing that at their own cost, Council could not say no, but it would be entirely someone's right to do so.

17. Pending Agenda and Calendar

Bourgeois said she would get back to them on a special meeting regarding the AIT contract. Council asked the *Clerk* to look into the committees listed on Pending Agenda and determine the life and expirations on those. She said she would report back to them.

O. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Cathy Sherman said she has heard that we have until January 9 on the AIT contract. We will work hard to get it back to you.

Tom Bailer of 304 Orca Inlet Drive said the playground steel has been an interesting project but things are looking good, steel will be here at 6 am tomorrow. On another note he said he is upset that *Dr. Gear* wants to stay, is enthused about Cordova and they won't offer him a contract. Every time you think you can use Cordova as a provider, have a consistent doctor there, and then they switch doctors again. He reiterated his earlier comment about the executive session item; he has never heard of the City having lease negotiations in closed session.

City Clerk Bourgeois was called upon to answer this concern. The *Clerk* stated that she inadvertently titled the executive session as such, it should read, "Council direction to City Manager regarding PWSSC lease negotiations."

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

18. Council Comments

Burton thanked all of the interested citizens who put in for Boards and Commissions, thanks to Providence and NVE it has been a good week.

Cheshier said he was going to say exactly the same things as *Burton*.

Bradford thanked *Randy* for working with the public and figureheads in town so well in a friendly manner and getting along keep up the good work.

Carpenter echoed *James* and *EJ* and ditto to *Bret's* comments.

Mayor Kacsh said they would take a five minute recess at 8:45 pm, hearing no objection, the meeting was recessed.

At 8:50 pm the meeting was called back to order.

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

19. Lease negotiations with PWSSC

Should have been... "Council direction to City Manager regarding PWSSC lease negotiations."

M/Bradford S/Burton to enter into an executive session to discuss a matter the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the government, specifically the lease with the PWSSC.

Vote on motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Joyce-yes; Burton-yes; Cheshier-yes; Reggiani-no; Carpenter-yes; Bradford-yes and Allison-yes. Motion passes.

Council entered executive session at 8:51 pm and regular session was reconvened at 9:30 pm.

R. ADJOURNMENT

M/Cheshier S/Burton to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:31 pm

Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: January 15, 2014

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, City Clerk

