

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 07, 2014 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE RECESSED
REGULAR MEETING FROM 2/5/14 @ NOON FEBRUARY 7, 2014
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James Kacsh called the Council Special Meeting to order at 12:45 pm on February 7, 2014 in the City Hall Conference Room.

B. ROLL CALL

Present for roll call were *Mayor James Kacsh* and Council members *Kristen Carpenter, Tim Joyce, Bret Bradford, EJ Cheshier* and *David Reggiani*. Council member *James Burton* was present via teleconference. Council member *David Allison* was absent. Also present were City Manager *Randy Robertson* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/Joyce S/Reggiani to approve the agenda.

Vote on motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Allison). Motion passes.

D. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - none

E. COMMUNICATIONS BY AND PETITIONS FROM VISITORS

1. Audience Comments regarding agenda item - none

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Council review of letter to ARRT regarding changes to oil dispersant guidelines

Carpenter said that she had responded to the Manager's first version asking if we could specifically say that the City of Cordova is opposed to the use of dispersants. *Robertson* said he did put that specifically in there. *Joyce* says this works for him he has no objection.

M/Joyce S/Bradford to approve the second version of the letter, including *Carpenter's* statement.

Burton asked for a quick run-down. He was fearful of having a blanket disapproval of dispersant use; he apologized for missing the meeting the other night where this was explained. *Joyce* said that the RCAC representative that was present at the Council meeting said that the EPA has come down with this guideline that would eliminate dispersant use in PWS and in any area within 24 miles of shore. Then there was a further out area where dispersants could be used if pre-authorized, like 24 miles to 100 miles offshore. *Carpenter* said that some of the information presented helped explain that the use of dispersants in some conditions, made the oil and the dispersants more bio-available for uptake by plankton and other organisms in the food chain. He also said that the science doesn't support the use of dispersants in cool less salty water, like PWS is; they work better in warmer more saline conditions. *Cheshier* said his position is exactly what *Carpenter* just expressed; if our watchdog group opposes the use at all, then I'm buying in and going with their opinion. Vote on motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Allison). Motion passes.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - none

H. COUNCIL COMMENTS


Cheshier said good lunch.

J. ADJOURNMENT

M/Reggiani S/Bradford to adjourn. Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 pm.

Approved: August 6, 2014

Attest:


Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

