

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2013 @ 7:30 PM
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Mayor Dave Reggiani called the Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 pm on November 20, 2013, in the Library Meeting Room.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Mayor Dave Reggiani led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Present for roll call were Council members *Kristin Carpenter, Tim Joyce, David Allison, Bret Bradford* and *Dave Reggiani*. Mayor *James Kacsh* and Council members *EJ Cheshier* and *James Burton* were absent. Also present were City Planner *Samantha Greenwood* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

D. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

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

Reggiani corrected item 24 – that executive session might be held regarding item 21 not item 20.

Vote on motion: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Cheshier, Burton). Motion passes.

E. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

F. COMMUNICATIONS BY AND PETITIONS FROM VISITORS

1. Guest Speaker - none

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items - none

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

HSB – Allison said we just had a meeting and there is an agenda item tonight regarding that.

Parks and Rec – Carpenter said they had met last night and they discussed the pool moving to a salt system vs. chlorine. They discussed a community open house this spring to go over the master plan they have developed.

Planning and Zoning – Reggiani said they met on November 12 they took up a couple of plats and a modification to a plat note which is before Council tonight. They also started review of Chapter 3.40 of City Code looking to revise.

School Board – Bradford said he was out of town and *Reggiani* asked the superintendent to fill us in as she is next on the agenda.

4. Superintendent's report – *Theresa Keel* reported that at the last meeting there was lengthy discussion about the policy regarding search and seizure and the use of a drug dog in the schools. The board directed her to put together an administrative regulation regarding how a dog would actually be used in the schools. That AR will be on next month's agenda as a discussion item.

Keel distributed a few handouts to the Council – letters she wrote to the Commissioner of Education and then his response to her, as well as requests for funding for some capital items and extra-curriculars which were over budget this season due to the ferry dock breaking.

5. Student Council Representative's report: *Gabrielle Brown* reported that some of the Student Council attended YLI – youth leadership institute where they learned a lot and had a good experience. She mentioned that they are planning the big fundraiser for the year which is a holiday carnival. This will be at the high school on December 14 from 11am to 1pm. Next month they will be doing “deck the halls” where each class decorates their hallway and the winner get an ice cream party. At the last student council meeting the “drug dog” was discussed – pros and cons were talked about.

G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice-Mayor Dave Reggiani informed Council that the consent calendar was before them.

6. Resolution 11-13-62 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska approving an amendment to the plat note of Plat 86-6, North Fill Development Park

7. Record excused absences of Council members *Carpenter & Burton* from the November 06, 2013 regular meeting.

Vote on Consent Calendar: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Cheshier, Burton). Carpenter-yes; Joyce-yes; Allison-yes; Bradford-yes and Reggiani-yes. Consent Calendar was approved.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Bradford S/Joyce to approve the Minutes.

8. Special Meeting Minutes 05-24-13

9. Public Hearing Minutes 11-06-13

Vote on motion: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Cheshier, Burton). Motion passes.

I. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

10. Contract approval with Dar-con Corporation for restoration of Mt. Eccles covered playground

M/Allison S/Bradford to direct the City Manager to enter into a contract with Dar-Con Corporation of Anchorage, AK to perform the restoration of the Mt. Eccles Covered Playground at the Mt. Eccles Elementary School for a sum of Three Hundred Forty Two Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars (\$342,300).

Joyce said he would like it stated where this money is coming from, for the record. *Jon Stavig* said that APEI our liability insurance carrier is paying for this. There is a \$25K deductible. *Hallquist* was present via teleconference and spoke to the schedule. He said North Pacific Erectors will be on-site tomorrow to de-mob, *Tom Bailer* will act as the City's coordinator on-site. Dar-Con will show up Monday and hopes to be completed by January 1, 2014. *Bradford* asked if they were using any of the existing materials on-site. *Hallquist* said most of it will be used but there may be some roofing material left over. *Reggiani* asked *Hallquist* about coordination and *Hallquist* said he would have *Bailer* on-site and he would stay in close contact with *Theresa Keel*, superintendent. *Reggiani* asked if he would bill his administrative time on the project to the insurance claim and *Hallquist* said he would do that.

Vote on motion: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Cheshier, Burton). Motion passes.

J. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

11. Mayor's Report – *Mayor Kacsh* hadn't left a report.

12. Manager's Report – *Greenwood* spoke in place of the Manager she had a few handouts for Council as staff had met to get together more information about the prospect of bonding. She mentioned that the timeline is such that there is enough time to put a bond question on the ballot for the March 4, 2014 election. She said that the projects from the enterprise funds cannot be lumped together with general fund projects. *Greenwood* had also given Council an idea of how much paving can be done for \$1M, \$2M etc. *Bourgeois* said the absolute deadlines as far as placing such bond propositions on the ballot would be a special meeting on January 24 – but ideally we could do that at the regular meeting on January 15. *Stavig* handed out two documents that help understand amortization schedules to determine debt service for different bond levels. *Stavig* also showed Council all the annual debt service that the City pays on outstanding bonds/loans, etc. *Bourgeois* added that per charter the City is not allowed to be in debt beyond 15% of our total assessed value. If we were to bond in 2014 for \$4 – 5M we would still only be in the 8-9% realm of total bonded indebtedness as a percent of total assessed value.

Greenwood continued with a manager's report. She said the NVE grant came back and we didn't get a sidewalk but we did get a cop car.

13. City Clerk's Report – *Bourgeois* reported that she would be out of the office starting tomorrow and will return December 2. Deputy Clerk *Tina Hammer* would be available during the Clerk's absence.

K. CORRESPONDENCE

14. Commissioner Kemp letter to Mayor in re Whittier ramp 10-18-13

15. Chamber of Commerce letter to Mayor in re Austerman visit 11-06-13

16. ADF&G Biologist Westing letter to Council in re Bear safety 11-07-13
17. Council letter of thanks for visit to Representative Austerman 11-07-13
18. Council letter of invitation to visit to Senator Stevens 11-07-13
19. Arvidson letter to School Board cc'd to Council 11-15-13

L. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS - none

M. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

N. NEW & MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

20. Council concurrence of Mayor's appointments to boards and commissions
 - a. Parks and Recreation Commission
 - b. Library Board
 - c. Planning and Zoning Commission

M/Bradford S/Allison to concur with *Mayor Kacsh's* appointments as follows:

Karen Hallquist to the Parks and Recreation Commission – seat to expire November 2016

Mary Anne Bishop & Shannon Mallory to the Library Board – seats to expire November 2016

Tom Bailer to the Planning & Zoning Commission – seat to expire November 2016

Vote on motion: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Cheshier, Burton). Motion passes.

21. Consultation with and direction to legal counsel regarding settlement of the Medicaid rates appeal filed by Providence Hospital on behalf of the Cordova Community Medical Center, ITMO Providence Cordova, OAH No. 13-1001-MDR
(may be discussed in executive session)

M/Allison S/Carpenter to postpone until the executive session, item 24.

Reggiani said with no objection, that is what we will do.

22. Pending Agenda and Calendar

Bourgeois asked if Council wanted the quarterly review of the Capital priorities resolution, numbered as a new resolution at the December 4, 2014 meeting. Council concurred that the Clerk should bring it in that format at that time. *Bourgeois* mentioned upcoming meetings on December 4 – there is a 5pm special meeting scheduled with the Cordova Center consultants and the Attorney. The regular meeting will follow at 7:30 pm. *Bourgeois* said the December 18 meeting will be preceded by a public hearing because it is at that meeting that the fee schedule resolution and the budget resolution will be passed and both need a public hearing. *Reggiani* asked if they would see the budget again on December 4. *Stavig* said he will have a new version and can get it to Council previous to the December 4 meeting. Council asked for an agenda item on December 4 to discuss any last minute budget changes.

O. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Robert Masolini of 1908 CRH a thirty year resident said he is requesting that the Council in some way ask the Corps of Engineers to extend the comment period on the NVE Shepard Pont Rd project. Currently the comment period ends on December 18 and he thinks it should be longer.

Gabriel Scott of 612 Fourth Street is representing Cascadia Wildlands and he handed out to Council a sample of a resolution that he is asking that they pass at a future meeting asking the Army Corps of Engineers to hold a public hearing on the matter and to extend the comment period on the NVE Shepard Point Road permit by 60 days (total of 90 days).

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

23. Council Comments

Carpenter said that she had forgotten to mention during the representatives of boards and commissions section of the meeting that Bidarki will have a schedule change starting in 2014 – the building will be closing at 7:30 pm but it will be available in the evenings for groups to sign up and use the gym themselves.

Reggiani said Council would stand in recess for five minutes at 8:30 pm. At 8:36 pm Council came back into regular session.

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

24. see agenda item 21

M/Allison S/Joyce to enter into an executive session to have a consultation with and give direction to legal counsel regarding settlement of the Medicaid rates appeal filed by Providence Hospital on behalf of the Cordova Community Medical Center, ITMO Providence Cordova, OAH No. 13-1001-MDR, a matter the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the government.

Vote on motion: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Cheshier, Burton). Motion passes.

Council entered executive session at 8:36 pm and regular session was reconvened at 8:41 pm.

R. ADJOURNMENT

M/Allison S/Joyce to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:42 pm

Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: December 18, 2013

Attest: 
Susan Bourgeois, City Clerk

