

Regular City Council Meeting
May 5, 2021 @ 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 May 5, 2021, 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 *Cathy Sherman, Melina Meyer, David Allison,* and *David Glasen.* Council members *Tom Bailer, Jeff Guard* and *Anne Schaefer* were present via teleconference. Also present were City Manager *Helen Howarth* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois.*

D. Approval of Regular Agenda - *M/Allison S/Sherman* to approve the agenda.

Mayor Koplín announced that guest speakers a. Sheridan Alpine will not be at tonight's meeting will schedule for a later meeting. Hearing no objection, *Mayor Koplín* declared the agenda approved.

E. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest and ex parte communications - none

F. Communications by and Petitions from Visitors

1. Guest speaker

a. ~~Sheridan Alpine Association, *Heath Kocan & Dave Reggiani*~~

b. Incident Management Team, COVID-19 Update - there was no report.

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

CCMC report - *Eric Price*, CCMC CFO reported: 1) good news, month of March showed a narrow profit margin, \$4,500;

2) they continue to have forecasted needs - long term, the underground storage tank needs to be dealt with.

School Board report - there was no report

4. Student Council representative - no report

G. Approval of Consent Calendar - none

H. Approval of Minutes - none

I. Consideration of Bids - none

J. Reports of Officers

5. Mayor's Report - *Mayor Koplín* reported: 1) *Sherman, Meyer* and he met with City Attorney *Holly Wells* after the executive session of the last meeting to craft a path for discussions to be had between CCMC, NVE and the City Manager and City staff regarding the disposition of CCMC facility and land - some of that made the agenda tonight - primary driver is that we are functioning legally and transparently. Ultimately, during pending agenda we will schedule a time for a joint Council and CCMCA Board work session next week, in advance of second reading of Ordinance 1197.

6. Manager's Report - City Manager *Helen Howarth* reported: 1) staff has been extremely busy pursuing grant funding, specifically on the Harbor - looks like State Tier 1 grant is heading toward approval, which is \$10M of a \$40M project. We are actively pursuing other sources, EDA, what was the BUILD grant, and other federal sources so we can do the harbor right. 2) staffing changes, we have had a really strong response, excellent candidates for Planning and Parks and Rec positions and finance is restructured, there will be budget amendments forthcoming to fill the positions that had been vacant at budget. 3) financial report will be in next packet; we'll know more by then about the guidance on spending ARPA funds - we've also been led to believe that PILT funding would be significantly higher this year and distribution of those funds would be by June 30; 4) we just received an \$18,000 grant from Rasmuson for upgrades to playgrounds. She introduced *Nate Taylor* and *Greg Russell* who is working as a consultant with the Cordova police department.

a. Chief *Nate Taylor* introducing Chief *Greg Russell*, Russell Consulting. *Russell* said it has been great to shadow the Chief this week, meet the department and give a fresh perspective on some of the work that is going on down there. He is very encouraged and will continue to work in this capacity.

b. *Chad Adams*, Aurora Wealth Management/UBS gave an update on where we are, what we've been doing and how we are performing.

7. City Clerk's Report - *Bourgeois* had nothing to report.

K. Correspondence - none

L. Ordinances and Resolutions

8. Ordinance 1196 An ordinance of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, amending the 2021 City budget and authorizing the transfer of \$100,000 from the General Reserve Fund (Permanent Fund) to the Governmental Capital Projects Fund #401 to upgrade and provide security to the City's impound lot - 2nd reading

M/Sherman S/Bailer to adopt Ordinance 1196 an ordinance of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, amending the 2021 City budget and authorizing the transfer of \$100,000 from the General Reserve Fund (Permanent Fund) to the Governmental Capital Projects Fund #401 to upgrade and provide security to the City's impound lot

Sherman said she would prefer to look at this again after we knew how first quarter financials look.

M/Bailer S/Guard to refer to staff until we get more information; a first quarter financial update.

Bailer agrees with *Sherman* and he'd like to wait to get the information. *Guard* agreed with what was said before him.

Vote on the motion to refer: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Schaefer-yes; Sherman-yes; Glasen-yes; Bailer-yes; Guard-yes; Meyer-yes and Allison-yes. Motion was approved.

9. Ordinance 1197 An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, repealing and reenacting CMC Title 15 "Hospital Services" to clarify the authority for the sale, transfer, exchange or disposal of the Cordova Community Medical Center or a City-owned interest or facility in its inventory, providing the disposal notice and process requirements for such a transaction, and updating and reformatting Title 15, its definitions, and its organization for uniformity- 1st reading

M/Meyer S/Sherman to adopt Ordinance 1197 an ordinance of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, repealing and reenacting CMC Title 15 "Hospital Services" to clarify the authority for the sale, transfer, exchange or disposal of the Cordova Community Medical Center or a City-owned interest or facility in its inventory, providing the disposal notice and process requirements for such a transaction, and updating and reformatting Title 15, its definitions, and its organization for uniformity- 1st reading

Meyer said this is a needed change to our code to allow any kind of a transfer of hospital assets. She said she is really looking forward to a joint meeting with the CCMCA Board before this ordinance is up for second reading so they can weigh in and understand the changes. She anticipates having slight language adjustments, she will work those out before the second reading. *Sherman* said we've been discussing joint medical services for years and this brings our code to a place where that will be easier to move ahead with. *Guard, Schaefer* said they were in favor. *Allison* stressed that this is just a first step, just because we are making this an option, doesn't mean we are giving anything away yet or partnering yet, first step of many in an open and transparent process. *Glasen* agreed and said he is in support. *Bailer* said he supports and echoed *Allison's* comments.

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

10. Resolution 05-21-20 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, approving the sale of the eastern portion of lot3, block 17 Original Townsite to Craig and Angela Kuntz for \$1,750.00

M/Bailer S/Allison to approve Resolution 05-21-20 a resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, approving the sale of the eastern portion of lot3, block 17 Original Townsite to Craig and Angela Kuntz for \$1,750.

Bailer said he supports, and Planning staff did a great job. *Allison* said same.

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

11. Resolution 05-21-21 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, supporting the coordinated provision of medical care by the Native Village of Eyak and the Cordova Community Medical Clinic

M/Allison S/Sherman to approve Resolution 05-21-21 a resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, supporting the coordinated provision of medical care by the Native Village of Eyak and the Cordova Community Medical Clinic.

Allison said this will formalize our willingness and ability to work together. Covid brought that to light; we worked well together on testing and vaccinations and this will keep that going. We can't compete, in a town this size we need to work together as much as we can. *Sherman* said she agrees with all of that and this will also assist NVE as they search for potential funding/grants.

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

M. Unfinished Business - none

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

12. Discussion of COVID-19 Emergency Response - *Howarth* said the medical team seems very comfortable with our vaccination rate they're seeing little if no community spread. The state has removed its emergency order so we will see if we align with them as we have been. *Meyer* said her concern is the funding; if we remove the order altogether do we lose

access to funding? **Howarth** said our ability to pivot will be maintained, we will certainly keep in place whatever we need to ensure the resources can still come to us. She'll bring something to the June 2 meeting.

13. Pending Agenda, Calendar, CIP List and Elected & Appointed Officials lists

Joint CCMC and City Council meeting was set for the following week – the Clerk would coordinate with CCMC staff and Board for specific date and time. **Bailer** asked if the Manager could update us next time on where we are with the addressing.

O. Audience Participation

Greg Russell, a visitor to the community, thanked Council, the City Manager for the efforts that have made it possible for me to safely be a visitor in Cordova. Unpopular and difficult steps had to be taken, he appreciates that they did so.

P. Council Comments

Sherman thanked the Streets crew for the street sweeping that is going on. She thanked the Clerk for the Correspondence Primer.

Glaser he also liked that correspondence primer, helpful for people to understand.

Bailer thanked the manager for getting the Chief (**Russell**) to come in to help our Chief be successful, whatever training we can get for our staff is always a good move.

Q. Executive Session

14. Council discussion of City Clerk's evaluation, in executive session because it is a subject that may prejudice the reputation or character of a person; the person may request a public discussion

M/Allison S/Sherman to enter an executive session for discussion of City Clerk's evaluation, in executive session because it is a subject that may prejudice the reputation or character of a person; the person may request a public discussion but **Bourgeois** has not.

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

Council took a brief recess to clear the room at 7:58 pm.

Council entered the executive session at 8:02 pm and came back into open session at 8:36 pm.

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

R. Adjournment

M/Glaser S/Allison to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection **Mayor Koplín** adjourned the meeting at 8:36 pm.

Approved: June 2, 2021

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

