

**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**October 6, 2021 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B**  
**Minutes**

**A. Call to order** – **Vice Mayor Cathy Sherman** called the Council regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm on October 6, 2021, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

**B. Invocation and pledge of allegiance** - **Vice Mayor Sherman** led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Roll call** - Present for roll call were Council members **Cathy Sherman, Jeff Guard, David Allison,** and **David Glasen**. Council members **Melina Meyer** and **Anne Schaefer** were present via teleconference. Council member **Tom Bailer** was absent. Also present were City Manager **Helen Howarth** and City Clerk **Susan Bourgeois**.

**D. Approval of Regular Agenda** – **M/Allison S/Guard** to approve the agenda.  
Vote on the motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Bailer). Motion was approved.

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

**F. Communications by and Petitions from Visitors**

1. Guest speaker

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

b. **Cathy Renfeldt**, Executive Director, Cordova Chamber of Commerce – reported about all the events and programs the chamber has been working on.

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items

**Katrina Hoffman** of 301 South Second Street spoke in support of the Chamber of Commerce.

**Osa Schultz** of 109 Council Ave. spoke in support of Chamber of Commerce.

**Brian Mills** of 104 Whiskey Ridge Rd. spoke in support of the Chamber of Commerce.

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

**CCMCA Board** – no report; **School Board** – no report.

4. Student Council representative - no report

**G. Approval of Consent Calendar**

5. Resolution 10-21-40 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska supporting full funding (\$11,492,760) for the State of Alaska Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program in the FY 2023 State Capital Budget.

6. Council concurrence of Mayor's appointment of the City representative to the PWSAC Board of Directors

7. Minutes of the September 15, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

8. Per Charter Section 2-8 and Cordova Municipal Code 3.12.022, recordation of unexcused absence of Council member **Melina Meyer** from the September 15, 2021 Regular Meeting

Vote the Consent Calendar: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. Glasen-yes; Guard-yes; Meyer-yes; Sherman-yes; Bailer-absent; Allison-yes and Schaefer-yes. Consent Calendar was approved.

**H. Approval of Minutes** – in consent calendar

**I. Consideration of Bids** - none

**J. Reports of Officers**

9. Mayor's Report – no report

10. Manager's Report – City Manager **Helen Howarth** reported: 1) she's been actively working with the school district on next year's budget – she's meeting with the superintendent and his finance manager tomorrow; 2) redistricting – 6 proposals are on the table, 2 from the board, 4 from invited entities – redistricting board has been invited here for a public hearing, date tba; she encouraged people and council members to get online, familiarize yourselves with the 6 plans so you can speak when the board is here; 3) the financial report – raw fish tax almost \$200k under budget, USFS receipts - \$101.5K lower than budget, we budgeted 50% school bond debt reimbursement – looks like we will be getting 36% - those combine to be about \$400k under in revenues; sales tax still unknown – hopeful it could come in well due to strong fishing season; she's contracted with a financial firm to help continue with these reports and get us ready for budget.

a. City Financial Report 06-30-21

Council questions: **Allison** asked when we'd have the 2020 audit. **Howarth** said might not be until the end of November. **Allison** said he's glad to see these numbers, but he'd like to see account balances too as part of the financials.

11. City Clerk's Report – **Bourgeois** reported: 1) her report had a question that Council would need to direct her to do – if it is the will of the body to bring an item before them to decide whether or not to put a charter change on the next election ballot concerning the method of electing Council members; 2) as far as the redistricting board public hearing in Cordova – she'll get that date as soon as they confirm, currently it is either Oct. 29 or Nov. 1 – also citizens and/or Council members can go to the website to look at the maps and can comment there.

Council questions: **Allison** opined he would like to see the charter change made. Others had no comment – **Bourgeois** said she'd bring it up at Pending Agenda. Concerning redistricting, **Meyer** and **Guard** agreed that it would be important to have a unified voice coming from City of Cordova and the Native Village of Eyak concerning how we'd like to see our district.

**K. Correspondence**

12. 09-01-21 Notice from DNR, Mining, Land, Water, re Opportunity to Protest Shore fishery lease extensions

13. 09-15-21 Letter from Mayor Koplín to Redistricting Board

14. 09-24-21 Notice from DNR, Mining, Land, Water, Agency & Public review Period for Aquatic Farmsite Lease ADL233132

15. 09-29-21 Mayor Koplín email to ADFG Commissioner re Fishing Season Summary

**Glaser** mentioned item 14, he said that is a really big area (45 acres) in a very popular deer hunting location and hunters and recreators should pay very close attention to that.

**L. Ordinances and Resolutions - none**

**M. Unfinished Business - none**

**N. New & Miscellaneous Business**

16. Discussion of COVID-19 Emergency Response - none

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

**Bourgeois** said she would bring an agenda item next time so Council could vote on whether or not to direct staff to bring the resolution with ballot language for the charter change concerning our method of electing Council members. **Bourgeois** asked Council to clarify exactly what they were asking for regarding a meeting with NVE and/or other Native groups concerning redistricting and a unified voice.

**Meyer** said she'd listened to some redistricting meetings and it seemed important to them to hear a unified voice from a community. **Howarth** said she would work on this, she'd communicate with NVE and other Native groups.

**O. Audience Participation**

**P. Council Comments**

**Glaser** thanked staff and thanked the community members who came to speak on behalf of the chamber.

**Meyer** thanked staff for all the reports and thanked the chamber for their presentation.

**Schaefer** reiterated all the thanks before her.

**Sherman** said she was really happy to see the financial report – thanked Helen for that.

**Q. Executive Session - none**

**R. Adjournment**

**M/Glaser S/Guard** to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection **Vice Mayor Sherman** adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Approved: October 20, 2021

Attest:   
Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

