

Regular City Council Meeting
May 4, 2022 @ 7:00 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B
Minutes

A. Call to order – **Mayor David Allison** called the Council regular meeting to order at 7:07 pm on May 4, 2022, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Invocation and pledge of allegiance – **Mayor Allison** led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

D. Approval of Regular Agenda – **M/Carpenter S/Sherman** to approve the agenda. Hearing no objection, Mayor Allison declared the agenda approved as submitted.

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

F. Communications by and Petitions from Visitors

1. Guest speaker (s)

a. Sheridan Alpine Association: 2021-2022 season summary and Status Update regarding Chairlift Equipment – **Dave Reggiani** and **Dave Branshaw** presented a short slide show and explained that the chairlift cable replacement project was short on funding – Council said they would take up a future agenda item on the matter at pending agenda later tonight.

b. Bert Adams/NVE presentation on Healthcare Center Federal Appropriation Proposal, including draft letter of support – **Bert Adams** and several consultants via teleconference explained the rapid turnaround on this funding request – he would need a letter of support by next week. Council said they would discuss a special meeting for this during pending agenda. They suggested that **Adams** provide an executive summary of the project for that special meeting.

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items:

Dave Glasen of 609 Cedar St said he is disappointed, we asked NVE for help 3 years ago and what they are planning seems great, 88,000 square foot medical center to serve everyone, he doesn't know why we wouldn't support the ask for \$146 million for that. He also supports the ski hill funding.

Barb Jewell of mile 2.2 Whished Rd started by bragging on Sheridan Alpine for the money raised and repairs they did for that great City asset. She is concerned about the City writing a letter of support for a proposal that no one has seen. She would also like to see the CCMC Authority Board included in the special meeting.

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

CCMCA Board: **Dr. Hannah Sanders** was present and reported: 1) this collaboration is going really well, and she knows the funding opportunities are coming up quick – she stressed the importance of the Critical Access Hospital designation that we have and she has explained to NVE how important it is to keep that in place. She said we keep talking about Joint Venture for the future, but currently Medicare and Medicaid are well-funded, the hospital is solvent, for the foreseeable future, Critical Access Hospitals should stay ok. She made it very clear, she is advocating for moving forward together but there are some reservations, she thinks that NVE will give us assurances as they build this that they won't compete. She understands it is a leap of faith, she is hopeful that we can all come together, include the other entities and support this.

School Board: **Sheryl Glasen**, Board President reported: 1) 3 weeks left in the school year – graduation is coming right up; 2) music students at state this week; 3) positions to be filled next year – a couple of key retirements: **Doug Carroll** – 17 years, **Lovie Brock** – 22 years in the district and **Mrs. Harding**, over 30 years – she thanked them all for their commitment, assets to the community; 4) there is a survey out to comment on the 4-day or 5-day school week for next year.

4. Student Council representative: no report

G. Approval of Consent Calendar

5. Minutes of the April 20, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

6. Proclamation of Appreciation to **David Glasen**

7. Resolution 05-22-16 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, supporting creation of the Alaska Affordable Housing Trust and urging the Alaska Governor and Legislature to take action to produce, preserve and protect affordable housing for all Alaskans now and for generations to come

Vote on the Consent Calendar: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Bailer-yes; Jones-yes; Schaefer-yes; Carpenter-yes; Guard-yes; Meyer-yes and Sherman-yes. Consent Calendar was approved.

Mayor Allison read the proclamation to **Dave Glasen** aloud and presented him with a gift from the community.

H. Approval of Minutes - in consent calendar

I. Consideration of Bids - none

J. Reports of Officers

8. Mayor's Report – **Mayor Allison** had a written report in the packet and added: 1) the letter he wrote to industry was ok'd by **Dr. Sanders** and **Dr. Head** at Ilanka and he delivered those to all of the processors, a few other businesses and the chamber of commerce; 2) he wrote a mariculture support letter, that will be in the next packet.

9. Manager's Report – City Manager **Helen Howarth** reported: 1) architects who did the preliminary on public safety building back in 2012 were in town to update that so we can be competitive if any grant opportunities arise.

a. South Harbor Rebuild update – written report in packet.

b. National Forest Receipts/Secure Rural Schools Award letter

c. USFS Letter to Council re Cordova Harbor

10. City Clerk's Report – **Bourgeois** had provided a written report with some election information.

11. Staff Reports

a. **Library Director Debbie Carlson**, Cordova Library, 1Q 2022

b. **Parks & Rec Director Duncan Chisholm**, Parks & Rec 1Q 2022

c. **Museum Director Mimi Briggs**, Cordova Museum and Cordova Center

K. Correspondence

12. 04-18-22 Copper River Delta Shorebird Festival Press Release

13. 04-19 and 04-20-22 Ten emails sent from multiple people concerning Harbor Project

14. 04-20-22 Email from K. Fay re Minutes of April 6 meeting and the Public Record

15. 04-21-22 Mayor Allison letter to Commercial Fishing Industry

L. Ordinances and Resolutions – in consent calendar

M. Unfinished Business – none

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

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

Ski Hill proposal was put on pending agenda for staff to bring back. Special Meeting, plan was made for Friday at noon, invite NVE TC and CCMCA Board – for approval of a letter of support. School District budget will come before us again, probably June 1 meeting. **Schaefer** asked to add an item for Pending Agenda to have an ordinance to change the Harbor Commission from 5 to 7 seats, **Sherman** seconded this. **Jones** asked for information on the makeup of the stall renters in the Harbor for the discussion of that ordinance.

O. Audience Participation - none

P. Council Comments

Jones thanked everyone for their attendance tonight. He is glad the way the hospital idea is moving along. He is not happy about us having to placate the USFS. He opined they were audacious to ask to remake the commission based on one unanimous decision that didn't go their way.

Meyer this was a good meeting, she's glad we will meet again to decide on the letter for the best result for healthcare for all of Cordova.

Schaefer thanked NVE and Ski Hill for great presentations tonight. It was great meeting with the School Board earlier and she thanked staff for reports and work.

Bailer said he fully supports NVE moving forward with the solution for our health care issues – he opined there is a false sense of security with CCMC with Covid money coming in, he’s been here for years and watched us give millions to keep the doors open. He thinks expanding Harbor Commission is knee-jerk, anyone can get on agenda, can attend meetings, can be heard.

Guard thanked staff for the packet and meeting, thanks for the reports, presentations, good meeting. The Native Village and efforts on healthcare is greatly appreciated and any slow down on our part is in no way reflective of us feeling otherwise.

Carpenter echoes a lot of what’s been said, especially, **Schaefer** and **Guard** and she is pleased to see in the staff reports, some ARPA funds being used to look at recreation facilities, assess their condition. She also mentioned a bike race that **Dr. Paul Gloe** is organizing, on Saturday – “Bay to Bay in May”, starts at Hartney Bay – bike into town, switch off bikes in Cordova Center parking lot and then run out to Orca. It’s a way to encourage people to get active.

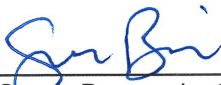
Q. Executive Session – none

R. Adjournment

M/Sherman S/Guard to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection **Mayor Allison** adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.

Approved: May 18, 2022

Attest: 

Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

