

# CITY OF CORDOVA



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**Andy Craig**

**Commissioners:**

**Mike Babic**

**Max Wiese**

**Ken Jones**

**Christa Hoover**

**Tommy Sheridan**

**Kate Laird**

**Harbormaster:**

**Tony Schinella**

**Admin Assistant:**

**Brandy Griffith**

## **HARBOR COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 10, 2023 @ 6:00 PM**

**COUNCIL ROOM A&B**

### **AGENDA**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Andy Craig, Max Wiese, Ken Jones, Mike Babic, Christa Hoover, Kate Laird, Tommy Sheridan

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#### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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A. Audience comments regarding agenda items (3 minutes per speaker)

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A. A RESOLUTION OF THE HARBOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA, TO THE CORDOVA CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA REQUESTING FUNDING TO RELOCATE OR REPLACE THE OLD AIRPLANE FLOAT.....(Voice vote) Page 5

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#### **9. ADJOURNMENT.....(Voice vote)**

**MINUTES**  
**HARBOR COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**APRIL 12, 2023 @ 6:00 PM**  
**COUNCIL ROOM A&B**

**Call to order:** This meeting was called to order @ 6:05 pm.

**Roll Call:** In Attendance: Andy Craig, Max Wiese, Ken Jones, Christa Hoover @ 12:07, Mike Babic, Kate Laird via phone.  
Absent: Tommy Sheridan

**Approval of Agenda:** Jones/ M, Wiese/ 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous to approve agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:** Jones/ M, Wiese/ 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous to approve minutes.

**Communications by Visitors:**

Mike Mickelson spoke on the airplane float relocation and on Camtu's proposal. Is in support of both items.

I know the airplane float is not in great shape but really think it is critical to Cordova to have somewhere to deal with nets that is right on the water.

Michael Hand representing CDFU and its members. Specifically, about the airplane float or some form of dock for net mending. Got to see Sitka's drive down dock in action and it is really only a loading zone. Nets on drive down would debilitate its use. Need to find a solution for the nets during the summer.

Makena O'tool, local fisherman and CDFU member. Would like to echo their thoughts. I would argue it's more important for seiners. You need hydraulics of your boat accessible. It is a pain getting down the docks when there are gillnets all over the place. It will be compounded if we don't have good accessibility to mend nets. No where intown can deal with a seine with a power block to use. 30x80 dock could be worked with.

Brad Sjostedt commercial pilot. I saw what was proposed and the airplane dock going away. I'm a proponent of keeping what we have or coming up with some kind of solution to at least have some kind of float plane access. Makes sense to keep at least one or two slips available. Also a proponent for the seiners and guys working on their nets. If the fishery ever turns into a herring fishery expect planes to be coming and going. In support of the pilot community that fly float, and I'm open to any ideas to keep slips available to float planes. Need room that doesn't have posts. Main thing is the wings clearance, 50 ft in excess.

Mike Collins local aviator. I think that everybody I talk to is in support of the airplane float. Problems with parking an airplane in a stall is that during the spring if it snows the airplane sinks. Needs something for the floats to sit on. Location should be more near the entrance of the harbor. With the herring coming back there is the potential for more airplanes. Very likely there will be more airplane activity in the summer months.

**Harbormasters Report:** Included in the packet.

**New Business:**

- A. Letter of Interest from Camtu's Alaska Wild Seafoods & Additional Information: John Harvill spoke on behalf of Camtu's. What we need is a letter from the city that says they are in favor of having an additional dock space. In order to proceed we need to go to the Corps of Engineers. They ask for local support. We need assurance that the city is in favor. First drawing shows the google view, red lines show where the proposed waterway would be. Makes good sense for the city to have a ramp. Our request would be that you select item number one.  
General discussion. Since this is city owned property we (city) cant say that we approve a project unless the council says they would be in favor of leasing or selling the land. Current solution to that is going through the land disposal process, and if we have a resolution from council saying that they would lease or sell that land, then Camtu's could go to the Corps with that. We don't have to begin negotiations until they get Corps approval.

Jones: "I move to recommend to City Council to dispose of a portion ATS 220 roughly 4,000 square feet in size as outlined in Cordova Municipal Code 5.22.060 B by (option one) negotiating an agreement with Camtu's Alaska Wild Seafoods to lease or purchase the property." Wiese/ second the motion. General Discussion. Roll call vote. All in favor of motion.

#### **Miscellaneous Business:**

A. North Harbor Maintenance. Jones: "Noticed that there were quite a few finger floats, that that harbor is starting to show signs of a rapid state of weatherization and some damage from vessel impacts. Some of the fingers are cocked sideways, some of the bullards are cracked or partially missing. Maybe we need to evaluate when it comes to budget time for more money for north harbor maintenance." Transpac looked at the north harbor when they were intown earlier. We are not supposed to pressure wash the docks. Possible that salt water would make docks less slippery. Once the south harbor is done there will be more time for regular maintenance as opposed to emergency maintenance.

B. Airplane float relocation. General discussion. Float is in very bad shape. Maybe we could build something new from South harbor old infrastructure. If we could build something where do we put it? Possibly in the area of USFS float.

Jones: Motion to "Direct staff to draft a resolution that would recommend to city council that we evaluate the relocation and repair of an airplane and net mending float." Hoover seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

#### **Audience Participation:**

Mike Mickelson. Thanks for all your efforts. This has been a huge task. I was unaware that you were not supposed to be pressure washing the docks. We should put up signage if that is the case. We could do a petition if that would be helpful for council to understand that the harbor users support this.

Collin Bronson: 65% percent drawings, working on electrical. Probably by the end of the week finished. Completed quarterly reports. Under 3 mill spent. Grant to be turned in this week for another 2 million. Do stand good chance to get this from Denali. Working through the environmental permits. CEC came through and looked at the plans, it was designed for big city power. We need less so we are looking at scaling back infrastructure. Lighting as designed is 10 times what is required, so we are looking at changing it. Could save money down the road.

#### **Agenda Items:**

**Commission Comments:** Hoover: Appreciative of the crowd and the audience showing up and having meaningful contributions to the conversation. Jones: Thanks everybody for coming out tonight, good to have audience participation. I think this is pretty important and hopefully we can get a solution.

Wiese: Thankyou for coming. Think we got quite a bit done. At least we got the ball rolling.

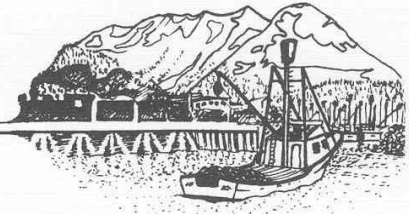
Laird: Thanks everyone.

**Adjournment:** Wiese/ M, Hoover/ 2<sup>nd</sup>, Unanimous to adjourn @ 7:38 PM.

## Harbormaster's Report

- Secured three electrical pedestals on J float.
- Working with Electrician to repair electrical shorts on G float
- Assisted Fire department with absorbent boom at Odiak Pond for an oil spill
- Our 2014 Genie Lift has arrived in Cordova
- No wake signs should be here this week
- Call out for Electrical fire on G float. We had to secure power for a few days until parts arrived and electrician was able to make repairs
- Electrician made repairs on H, I and J float
- Attending South Harbor Rebuild meetings Tuesday's and Wednesday's
- Attended Council meetings
- Malvin placed an order for two security cameras for the Shipyard
- Water is on throughout the facility
- Still working on moorage and storage plan for the South Harbor Rebuild
- Working on slip name tags
- Used oil disposal tanks have been ordered and we should be able to ship out 10,000 gallons by the end of the week
- North ramp floating dock has been installed
- Sent out monthly invoices
- Delivered 1400 gals of used oil to High School
- New wire rope and headache ball for harbor cranes arrived
- Shipyard trailer should be completed by 19 May
- 39 vessels lifted YTD
- Cleaned and organized shop area
- Cleaned and restocked restrooms
- Ordered custodial supplies
- Water Dept made repairs to Ocean dock water supply

# CITY OF CORDOVA



## **CORDOVA, ALASKA RESOLUTION 05-23-02**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE HARBOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA, TO THE CORDOVA CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA REQUESTING FUNDING TO RELOCATE OR REPLACE THE OLD AIRPLANE FLOAT.**

**WHEREAS**, due to cost increases for the South Harbor Rebuild, the budget did not allow for a new net mending float; and

**WHEREAS**, the airplane float for many years has been used as a convenient location for net mending for gillnetters and seiners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harbor Commission believes that it is possible to refurbish the airplane float and relocate to the North Harbor; and

**WHEREAS**, if the cost of repairs outweighs the cost of a new replacement float, then the Harbor Commission would request additional funding; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Harbor Commission of Cordova, Alaska to Cordova City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska requesting support for funding of repairs/relocation or replacement of the old airplane float

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2023.**

