

City Council Public Hearing
June 7, 2023 @ 6:45 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms
Minutes

A. Call to order

Mayor David Allison called the Council public hearing to order at 6:45 pm on June 7, 2023, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Roll call

Present for roll call were **Mayor David Allison** and Council member **Tom Bailer, Cathy Sherman, Kasey Kinsman, Kristin Carpenter** and **Ken Jones**. Council members **Melina Meyer** and **Anne Schaefer** were absent. Also present were City Manager **Helen Howarth** and City Clerk **Susan Bourgeois**.

C. Public hearing

1. Ordinance 1205 An ordinance of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, amending Section 14.24.020 by deleting the definition of vault or rough box and amending 14.24.080 C by eliminating the requirement of a vault or rough box, removing reference to vault or rough box, and renumbering the burial requirements accordingly

2. Ordinance 1206 An ordinance of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, amending Section 14.20.090 Containers-Location by changing the section title to Containers-Placement and by adding the following language: "containers of refuse shall not be placed prior to 6 am on the scheduled pick-up day" and amending section 1.28.085 C Minor Offense Fine Schedule by changing the title of the reference to 14.20.090 there, as well, to 14.20.090 Containers-Placement

3. Ordinance 1207 An ordinance of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a twenty-year lease with the United States Forest Service (USFS), for a portion of property described as a roughly 4,500 square foot portion of Lot 3, Block 7A, Tidewater Development Park

4. Resolution 06-23-20 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, setting the property tax mill levy for the 2023 tax year at 10.02 mills for all properties in the City of Cordova

Mayor Allison opened the hearing for public testimony on the three ordinances and one resolution.

John Renner of Mile 6 Copper River Highway spoke about Ordinance 1207, his main concern being the possible reconfiguration of the harbor and the possible exclusion of a net float. He opined that the Forest Service could combine with the State on their dock. He understood that the Forest Service dock area is the only location for a net float, and he thinks a net float is of the utmost importance to the Harbor. If the Forest Service dock and a net float could both happen, then he's all for that.

Chelsea Haisman the wife of seiner in Cordova spoke against Ordinance 1207 she opined that a 20-year lease is probably not something we should be looking at; it is too long when there are projects ongoing. She spoke in favor of ensuring the net float is a piece of infrastructure that is prioritized.

Steve Namitz District Ranger, USFS in Cordova, 2nd Street, said the chronology in the packet for Ordinance 1207 is accurate – he thanked staff/council members/commission members. He wanted to highlight that over the past few years he has written 2-3 letters of support for Harbor projects when asked to do so. He opined it is valuable to have a diverse group in the harbor, specifically a federal partner when you are seeking federal dollars. He is asking for Council support in approving Ordinance 1207.

Mark Frohnappel Ocean Dock Road, Shoreside Petroleum, they are committed to putting a floating fuel dock in the harbor, his biggest concern is the term of the lease, even though there is the 16-month clause, he is concerned about the 20-year term. He is concerned if there is a harbor expansion, whether the dock

is in the way of dredging. He thought this should be paused until after the results of the PIDP grant application becomes known.

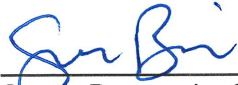
There was no further public testimony.

D. Adjournment

Hearing no objection **Mayor Allison** adjourned the public hearing at 6:55 pm.

Approved: June 21, 2023

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

