

Regular City Council Meeting
January 17, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B
Minutes

A. Call to order – **Mayor David Allison** called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on January 17, 2024, 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, Kasey Kinsman, Wendy Ranney, Anne Schaefer** and **Kristin Carpenter**. Council member **Tom Bailer** was present via zoom videoconference. Council member **Ken Jones** was absent. Also present were Interim City Manager **Samantha Greenwood** and City Clerk **Susan Bourgeois**.

D. Approval of Regular Agenda

Hearing no objection to approval of the regular agenda, **Mayor Allison** declared it approved as submitted.

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

F. Communications by and Petitions from Visitors

1. Guest speakers – none

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items

Joan Songer spoke concerning City addressing, she had a letter in correspondence in tonight's packet. She hoped Council would revert her neighborhood back to their old addresses.

Jack Hopkins spoke about City addressing, he wondered how the City got the numbers wrong the first time. He said it would be expensive for property owners to change all their documents to the new addresses.

Bill Howard spoke about addressing, thought there was not good communication about the changes, thought it was not life or death situation and that Council should just let it be.

Christine Hite spoke about addressing on South Second Street, she opined those numbers should remain as they were.

Lynn Hopkins spoke against the addressing changes that were made.

Sarah Trumblee said she is thankful to now have an address.

Cameron Hayden spoke in support of the City changes and said as a first responder it is important to have consistency and accuracy.

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions - none

4. Student Council Report – none

G. Approval of Consent Calendar

5. Per Charter Section 2-8 and Cordova Municipal Code 3.12.022, recordation of unexcused absence of Council member Kasey Kinsman from the January 3, 2024 Regular Meeting.

6. Resolution 01-24-02 a resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska adopting an alternative allocation method for the FY24 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program and certifying that this allocation method fairly represents the distribution of significant effects of fisheries business activity in FMA 15: Prince William Sound

Vote on the Consent Calendar: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. Jones-absent; Ranney-yes; Schaefer-yes; Sherman-yes; Kinsman-yes; Carpenter-absent; and Bailer-yes. Consent Calendar was approved.

H. Approval of Minutes – none

I. Consideration of Bids/Proposals/Contracts – none

J. Reports of Officers

7. Mayor's Report – **Mayor Allison** had no report.

8. City Manager's Report – **Greenwood** reported: 1) Stu Kizer has been hired as Streets Superintendent and he is doing a great job; 2) City Investments Advisor, Blake Phillips will be at Council's February 21 meeting; the KeyBank account is open, forms are signed and sent to UBS for the transfer of funds over to new advisor, things are moving; we are discussing a possible line of credit with KeyBank as well, for Harbor Project cashflow issues, awaiting terms.

a. South Harbor Project – **Collin Bronson** gave an update on the South Harbor Project.

b. Staff report: E-911 and City addressing policy – City Planner **Kevin Johnson** had a written report in the packet and answered several Council questions about addressing. After lengthy discussion Council said they would give staff specific direction at Pending Agenda to bring addressing back to next meeting for Council action.

9. City Clerk's Report notice of voter registration, offices to be filled how to declare candidacy for March 5, 2024 Regular City Election – reported on election prep

10. Staff Quarterly Reports, 4Q 2023

a. Cordova Historical Museum, **Ashley Bivin**, Museum Director

b. Cordova Center, **Megan Anderson**, Cordova Center Coordinator

K. Correspondence

11. 01-05-24 Letter from Brent and Joan Songer re address changes

12. 01-08-24 Letter from Elke and Wolfgang Hagmuller re address changes

13. 01-08-24 Letter from Roy and Kristi Wilson re address changes

14. 01-09-24 Letter from John and Diane Wiese re address changes

15. 01-10-24 Agency & Public review open period notice for amendment to ADL233817 Amber Morris dba Wild Blue Mariculture

L. Ordinances and Resolutions

16. Resolution 01-24-01 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska designating Capital Improvement Projects

M/Carpenter S/Schaefer to approve resolution 01-24-01 a resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska designating Capital Improvement Projects

Carpenter said we considered this at our last meeting and had it brought back in a different format, we have notes from staff, Council member **Sherman's** suggestions. She moved it to get it on the table. **Schaefer** said she went through this, tried to cross off the projects that have been done, added in staff recommendations to the appropriate section.

M/Schaefer S/Kinsman to amend as follows: under Harbor - crossing out South Harbor replacement, crossing out Rebuild 3-stage Dock; under Water Upgrades - adding in Feasibility Study and Fire Protection and Water Distribution upgrades; under Streets Infrastructure and Equipment, adding Backhoe; under Public Safety, crossing out Mile 4 Substation Repair and adding Prep Site to the Engineering and Preliminary Design of Public Safety Building.

Kinsman and **Sherman** spoke in favor of the amendment. Carpenter mentioned and received staff clarification on Cold Storage – it was left in.

Vote on the motion to amend: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Jones). Motion to amend was approved.

Vote on the main motion as amended: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Jones). Motion was approved.

17. Resolution 01-24-03 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska authorizing the City Manager to enter into a sole source contract with Alaska Harbor Consulting LLC to provide engineering, consultation & documentation for the South Harbor Rebuild Project

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Carpenter said staff has brought this to us, the engineer we've been using left his previous firm and for the sake of continuity we've been asked to approve this as the contract needs to be with his new company now. **Greenwood** clarified that this is the marine engineer, and she has been great, we need to keep her mind in this project. **Carpenter** said based on all that she is supportive. **Sherman** said she agrees, and the memo provided states that we are even going to save a little money, she's all for it.

Vote on the motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. Sherman-yes; Schaefer-yes; Kinsman-yes; Carpenter-absent; Bailer-yes; Ranney-yes; and Jones-absent. Motion was approved.

M. Unfinished Business – none

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

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

Addressing will be on the next agenda – Council opted for a special meeting on January 25 @ 6 pm to handle that as well as whatever else comes up

O. Audience Participation

Joan Songer said that we have a standard addressing system, it is just a little different at 6.5 mile than in town.

Bill Howard said he appreciates everyone working on this, but the key is communication.

P. Council Comments

Bailer said he recently sold a house and moved into another one, he had to send change of address to everyone, it wasn't that big of a deal.

Kinsman said he does not propose we kick this down the road, he struggles with the grandfathering idea with this community, won't support that. He wished more people would come on every first and third Wednesday – also 2 Council seats coming available.

Schaefer appreciates the letters and the comments and looks forward to getting more information. She encourages people to run for Council, it is interesting and fun, and you learn a lot.

Carpenter thanked the City Manager for working with the chamber on the MOU; this is a great building, a City asset, and she's glad it will get more marketing for conferences.

Ranney said she appreciates Kevin Johnson and understands you are following policy. She said changing address might not be that difficult, but some people take it as a personal affront, a change to their identity.

Sherman thanked everyone for their letters and comments and it just goes to show, never challenge a librarian she will do her research.

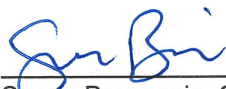
Q. Executive Session – none

R. Adjournment

Hearing no objection **Mayor Allison** adjourned the meeting at 9:16 pm.

Approved: March 20, 2024

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

