

**Special City Council Meeting  
January 25, 2024 @ 6:00pm  
Cordova Center Community Rooms  
Minutes**

**A. Call to order - Mayor Allison** called the Special Council Meeting to order at 6:00 pm on January 25, 2024 in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

**B. Roll call** - Present for roll call were **Mayor David Allison** and Council members **Cathy Sherman, Wendy Ranney, Anne Schaefer, Kristin Carpenter,** and **Ken Jones**. Council members **Tom Bailer** and **Kasey Kinsman** were present via zoom videoconference. Also present were Interim City Manager **Sam Greenwood** and City Clerk **Susan Bourgeois**.

**C. Approval of agenda**

Hearing no objection, Mayor Allison declared the agenda approved as submitted.

**D. Disclosures of conflicts of interest and Ex Parte Communications** – none

**E. Communications by and petitions from visitors**

1. Audience Comments regarding agenda items:

**Joan Songer** of 140 Eyak Dr. Mile 6.5 CRH, said that the addressing in her area is accurate and consistent. She thinks their addresses should be kept as they are. It will disrupt a lot of people's lives if the addresses are changed.

**Kristy Wilson** of 220 Eyak Drive urged Council to keep the addresses as they are now.

**Christine Hite** spoke about addressing – she hoped Council would choose option 6 on the memo in the packet – which would keep the South Second Street addresses the same as they are now.

**F. Unfinished Business**

2. City Addressing

**M/Jones S/Ranney** to direct the City Manager to disregard the established City Addressing Policy and have the addresses on Eyak Drive and South Second Street revert to their previous addresses.

Vote on the motion: 2 yeas, 5 nays. Sherman-no; Schaefer-no; Kinsman-no; Carpenter-no; Bailer-no; Ranney-yes; and Jones-yes. Motion failed.

**M/Bailer S/Sherman** to concur with staff's decision to change the addresses along Eyak Drive and South Second Street based on the established City Addressing Policy.

Vote on the motion: 3 yeas, 4 nays. Kinsman-yes; Ranney-no; Schaefer-no; Jones-no; Carpenter-no; Bailer-yes; and Sherman-yes. Motion failed.

**M/Schaefer S/Ranney** to direct the City Manager to disregard the established City Addressing Policy and have the addresses on Eyak Drive revert to their previous addresses.

Vote on the motion: 5 yeas, 2 nays. Jones-yes; Ranney-yes; Schaefer-yes; Sherman-no; Kinsman-yes; Carpenter-yes; and Bailer-no. Motion was approved.

**G. New Business**

3. Resolution 01-24-04 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska authorizing the City Manager to enter into a sole source contract with UMIAQ Environmental to provide to complete the EPA mandated lead service line inventory

**M/Carpenter S/Schaefer** to approve Resolution 01-24-04 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska authorizing the City Manager to enter into a sole source contract with UMIAQ Environmental to provide to complete the EPA mandated lead service line inventory

**Carpenter** said this will get us into compliance with a state water system regulation, so she is supportive.

**Schaefer** agreed and is in support. **Sherman** thought this was a difficult timeline, but it is important to comply, she is in favor. **Ranney** said she is grateful there is grant funding for this; appreciates the City Manager getting right on this so we can meet the deadline. **Jones, Bailer, Kinsman** agreed and said they'd support.

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

4. Resolution 01-24-05 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska renaming Elmer's Point Drive as Kimmick Way in honor of and to show respect to a great Cordovan

**M/Ranney S/Schaefer** to approve Resolution 01-24-05 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska renaming Elmer's Point Drive as Kimmick Way in honor of and to show respect to a great Cordovan

**Ranney** said she saw the letter from 2006 of the owners of land in the subdivision and they were all in support at that time – that's enough for her to also support this. **Schaefer** asked if the public process has already occurred for this change. **Johnson** said the issue is that this occurred before the public process component was in the code and basically this got left behind. That is why we are memorializing it in a resolution. **Bailer, Jones, Kinsman** – supportive. No other Council comments.

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

### G. Audience participation

**Joan Songer** thanked Council though she is surprised it was not unanimous.

**Jack Hopkins** of 250 Eyak Drive wished Council would spend the time and money spent on this fixing potholes instead.

**Kristy Wilson** of 220 Eyak Drive thanked Council for listening to us tonight, your jobs aren't easy but thanks.

**Christine Hite** asked if what they did tonight means South Second Street addresses are staying changed. If so she says it will not be very efficient; will be an EMS nightmare.

### H. Council comments

**Carpenter** said she appreciates the group discussion, helps her when we hash things out like this. It is not an easy decision, we are making decisions for the whole community not just the few, it is a challenge.

**Sherman** said it is nice to have an audience and even if you think I didn't listen to you I did. She said she voted her conscience, and she hopes we can all live peacefully together.

**Schaefer** said she appreciates the public input and hopes people stay involved.

**Ranney** said she appreciates staff she takes stock in their work. She also voted her conscience.

**Kinsman** thanked everyone for the conversation – hopes to see people even on the less controversial topics. He said in the spirit of compromise he voted in the end. Didn't feel the need to fall on his sword on this one.

**Bailer** said this is why we have seven people, a healthy debate, facts, opinions and keep it respectful. In the end you have a vote and if it goes your way, good, if it doesn't you still support it and you move on to the next thing. That's the way the process works.

### I. Executive Session

5. Council discussion of City Manager's contract a matter the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City

**M/Sherman S/Schaefer** to go into an executive session for Council discussion of City Manager's contract a matter the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City.

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

The meeting was recessed to clear the room at 7:14 pm. Council entered the executive session at 7:20 pm. Council was back in open session at 8:27 pm.

**M/Schaefer S/Jones** to direct the City Attorney to complete negotiations as was discussed in executive session, and to direct staff to proceed as was discussed.

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion was approved.

### J. Adjournment

Hearing no objection, **Mayor Allison** adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.

Approved: March 20, 2024

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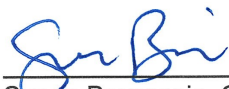


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