City Council Public Hearing
September 2, 2026 @ 6:45 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms
Minutes

A. Call to order
Mayor Kristin Smith called the Council public hearing to order at 6:45 pm on September 2, 2026, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Roll call
Present for roll call were ***Mayor Kristin Smith*** Council members ***Debra Adams***, ***Lee Collins***, and ***Wendy Ranney***. Council members ***Mike Mickelson*** and ***Dave Zastrow*** were present via zoom videoconference. Council members ***Aaron Hansen*** and ***Kasey Kinsman*** were absent. Also present were City Manager ***Sam Greenwood*** and City Clerk ***Susan Bourgeois***.

C. Public hearing
1. Ordinance 1240 An ordinance of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, Cordova Municipal Code 5.10.050 to increase the sales tax rate from 13% to 14% on: transient lodging, motor vehicle rentals, sales of: marijuana, marijuana concentrates, and marijuana products, cigarettes and other tobacco products, and alcoholic beverages, and removing the exclusion of watercraft as a motor vehicle subject to this tax

Mayor Smith opened the hearing for public testimony on the ordinance at 6:46 pm.

Brent Davis asked if this ordinance was about rental boats or all boats, **Mayor Smith** confirmed it was about rentals of boats. He expressed a concern that this was about personal property tax on boats. The City Clerk, Manager, and Mayor confirmed it was about sales tax, had nothing to do with personal property tax. He opined that he would be against any increase in taxes. He mentioned the new marijuana establishment being built now and how they are not even open yet and the City is considering raising a tax on them; doesn't seem fair. He said if you raise taxes on alcohol people might just get their alcohol from Costco which would make the local businesses suffer – then the city gets less in taxes. He is fine with the bed tax getting increased, not the rest of them though.

The public hearing was recessed at 6:50 pm until anyone arrived to give testimony. Council came back into the Public Hearing at 6:59 pm and there was no one interested in giving public testimony present.

D. Adjournment
Hearing no objection ***Mayor Smith*** adjourned the public hearing at 7:00 pm.

Approved: October 7, 2026

Attest: _____
Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

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