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Special City Council Meeting
April 8, 2020 @ 12:00 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms
and via YouTube and Teleconference
Agenda

A. Call to order

B. Roll call

Mayor Clay Koplin, Council members Tom Bailer, Cathy Sherman, Jeff Guard, Melina Meyer, Anne Schaefer, David Allison and David Glasen

C. Approval of agenda…….…….. **(voice vote)**

D. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

E. Communications by and petitions from visitors

1. Audience Comments regarding agenda items

F. Correspondence

2. 04-01-2020 Letter from USCG Commander re COVID-19…….. **(page 1)**
3. 04-01-2020 R. Spann email re arrival in Cordova…….. **(page 2)**
4. 04-02-2020 E. Americus email re correction to previous comment…….. **(page 3)**
5. 04-03-2020 L. Borer email re Small Community Travel Order…….. **(page 4)**
6. 04-03-2020 Pacific Seafood Processors Association letter re COVID-19…….. **(page 6)**
7. 04-05-2020 K. Becker email re Coronavirus preparedness in Cordova…….. **(page 8)**
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G. New Business

10. Emergency Response update, ***Heather Brannon*** and ***Paul Trumblee***
a. Cordova COVID-19 Pandemic 2020 Organizational Chart…….. **(page 11)**

H. Audience participation

I. Council comments

J. Adjournment

Public Call-in number 907-253-6202, each call is placed on hold, then calls will ring through in the order received, please hang up after you've made your comment, comments limited to 3 minutes per call

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Susan Bourgeois

From: Bell, Matthew T RADM <Matthew.T.Bell@uscg.mil>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:30 PM
To: Susan Bourgeois; Clay Koplin
Cc: Kessler, Lyle E CDR
Subject: U.S. Coast Guard District 17 Outreach

Good afternoon Honorable Mayor Koplin,

As the Commander of all the Coast Guard forces in Alaska, I want to extend my sincere appreciation for the hard work you and the Cordova City Council are doing to keep the residents of Cordova safe during the COVID-19 outbreak, including the Coast Guard families stationed in our newest Coast Guard city. One of these days I will get there so we can officially / personally recognize you with your new title - Coast Guard City.

For your awareness, the Coast Guard stands ready to serve Alaskans during this time of need, and the women and men under my command will continue to respond to Search and Rescue and other vital missions to include the preservation of the Maritime Transportation System. We are however, carefully evaluating what can be delayed and limiting personnel movement. I consider it part of our mission to help stop the spread of this disease. Coast Guard members are embedded throughout 14 different communities in Alaska. The welcome and care Alaskans show us is highlighted by the fact that Alaska has the highest number of "Coast Guard Cities" in the country. We are proudly woven throughout the fabric of Alaska and this is a great place to live and serve. During this time, my active duty members and their families in these remote communities are keenly aware of the pressures being placed on our finite medical resources as we look to work together on curbing the spread of COVID-19. I sincerely appreciate your efforts to keep all Alaskans safe.

Keeping the lines of communication open is of utmost importance during this unprecedented time. Since I am unable to meet with you in person, since we are all maximizing our Social Distancing Protocols, I would like to offer up a connection or rather life-line if needed now or in the future. I believe our common goal of looking out for the people of AK should bring us together to tackle the toughest challenges. If there's something we can do from the Coast Guard mission box, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or my staff to coordinate a virtual meeting at your convenience.

Please let me know what works best for you. Thank you and Semper Paratus.

v/r Matt Bell

RADM M. T. Bell Jr.,
17th Coast Guard District
Juneau, AK 99802

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"People are the most valued asset!"

Susan Bourgeois

From: Rita Spann <rita.spann@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 8:25 PM
To: Susan Bourgeois
Subject: Public comment regarding the airport

Hello,

I just flew in to town from Fairbanks and went directly into quarantine. Though there were some signs, I was surprised that there was not someone at the airport to alert arrivals on city expectations and guidelines and check quarantine plans.

I think people want to do the right thing for Cordova, but don't necessarily know how. It would be very easy to assign someone this task and I believe that it would go a long way to assure compliance and protect Cordovans even before the big seasonal influx starts.

Thank you for all the work you're doing.

Rita Spann

Susan Bourgeois

From: ellen americus <ellenleea@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 6:55 AM
To: Susan Bourgeois
Subject: Correction to comment

I would like to correct my comment about shutting down the fishery. I support local fishery. I think we should limit incoming to emergency personnel.

Susan Bourgeois

From: Anne Schaefer
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 2:27 PM
To: Susan Bourgeois
Subject: Fw: Small Community Travel Order Govs Office Communication

Here's another one that came in.

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From: Lucas Borer <native@ctcak.net>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Mayor & City Council
Subject: Small Community Travel Order Govs Office Communication

Mayor and Council Members,
I talked with the governors office this morning. Specifically Angela with Constituent Services. She told me I could quote her.

She told me The Small Community Travel Order is what it says. A small community may completely restrict travel into their community with the exception of the three exceptions listed in the order. Those being First Responders, Law Enforcement and OCS. Essential workers such as commercial fishermen and fish processors are NOT included in the exceptions.

She looked up Cordova and stated that we were listed as having 2200 residents, not connected to the road system (I asked about the AMHS and she said that doesn't count.) and do not have a Native Hub Hospital so we qualified under the order.

She said the State will not do it for us, the community with whatever form of government we have, must decide the level of access and that we could apply it to the fullest extent allowed by the order.

When I repeated the Mayors comments from the Council Meeting and yesterdays Radio Show, she wanted to know who the Mayor talked to at the Governors Office.

I told her were not asking to close the airport.

I told her that the people I am working with are not trying to be unreasonable. That we are trying to do what the federal government and the world are telling us and that is to isolate. She said she agreed with me and that is what the Governor is saying also.

I told her we believe we can Isolate Cordova and still have a fishing season accomplished by those that are already here and that we aren't advocating no fishery at all as long as it is done with people already here and health safety must be the primary concern.

She said she would check around the Governors Office to see if someone had said something different and assured me that if she found different she would call immediately. As of the time of this email, she hasn't called.

I would have gotten this to you earlier but typing is difficult for me right now due to a physical impairment.

I am available to answer any of your questions. 429-7394

Respectfully Submitted
Luke Borer

PSPA
PACIFIC SEAFOOD
PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION

An open letter to the Cordova community regarding COVID-19.

Dear Cordova community:

Along with the rest of the world, the Alaska seafood industry has been coping with the fast-paced nature of the national health pandemic created by the exponential spread of the coronavirus. Like you, we are very concerned about what the coronavirus pandemic means for our families, neighbors, and livelihoods in Alaska coastal communities, and the Alaska seafood system overall, both in the short and long term.

Our primary focus is the health and safety of all of our partner communities, including Cordova, where many of our processing workers, fishermen, and their families live and work. PSPA member Trident Seafoods operates in Cordova and has been communicating with community leadership as to their progress in mitigating risk of their operations and has committed to sharing completed plans with the City and the Emergency Management Coordinators. The safety of the residents of Cordova, fishermen, and processing workers is of the utmost concern.

The State of Alaska has issued several health mandates[1] to prevent the spread of COVID-19, several of which are directly related to travel in and out of Alaska communities. The State of Alaska has mandated a 14-day quarantine for residents, workers, and visitors upon entering Alaska (Mandate 10) and prohibited in-state travel between Alaska communities (Mandate 12) unless to support critical infrastructure or for critical personal needs. Since fishing and fish processing are considered part of the critical infrastructure workforce, workers entering the community can begin work immediately while under quarantine as long as a plan is submitted to the State of Alaska outlining how those workers will avoid the spread of COVID-19 and not endanger the communities in which they operate. To be clear, this does not mean that seafood workers coming into the community from another location are exempt from 14-day quarantine rules, only that they can work during the 14-day period while following the company's self-isolation and COVID response plan protocols.

Seafood processors and fishing vessels are submitting plans to the State of Alaska in accordance with Health Mandates 10 and 12. These company plans are informed by medical experts and detail the measures that companies are putting in place to best achieve compliance with CDC guidelines, avoid the spread of COVID-19, and minimize risk to community residents. As our individual member companies develop response plans, their goal is to keep healthy people healthy. This means implementing screening protocols for incoming employees, detection and quarantine protocols to identify and contain any suspected case of COVID-19, new cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitation standards, and best practice for distancing standards.

[1] https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/

Our member companies have also been participating in a seafood industry workgroup for several weeks that was formed in response to the COVID-19 outbreak called the Alaska Fishing Industry Safety & Health Committee (AFISH Committee). Subcommittees and task force groups are organized across multiple functional topics and between participating regions and locations. This committee includes over 150 industry participants, health practitioners, and community leaders, all working to gather and share best practices in response to COVID-19 and to develop guidance protocols for vessels and onshore processors. These guidance protocols were developed with a medical risk management company that specializes in commercial maritime and remote worksites, and are posted on the State's website.[2]

Most urgently, we recognize the need for rural community health care systems to be better equipped to meet the needs of communities and our companies are working on solutions to this problem. For example, Trident Seafoods is staffing its Cordova facility with a nurse practitioner and a fully stocked onsite clinic kit. In the coming weeks and months, PSPA will continue to closely monitor the situation, share information, and support measures that protect the health and safety of Alaska communities. PSPA will also remain constant in our advocacy to the State of Alaska for FDA approved rapid point of care testing as a critical tool to assist with early and accurate detection in remote communities, including those with essential critical infrastructure industries such as the seafood industry.

We recognize the considerable stress and uncertainty that the current situation has placed upon Cordova. We are dedicated to doing our part to keep the communities in which we operate safe. We are committed to working with community leaders in all of the locations in which our companies operate and the State of Alaska to get through this together. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Chris Barrows
President
Pacific Seafood Processors Association

[2] For examples of the State of Alaska's requirement for Alaska Critical Industries COVID-19 Worker Mitigation Plans see: https://ready.alaska.gov/Covid19-WorkerMitigationPlan.

Susan Bourgeois

From: Karl Becker <karlnancy7466@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:04 PM
To: Susan Bourgeois; Helen Howarth
Subject: Corona virus preparedness in Cordova. Please distribute to city council.
Attachments: Antibody tests.docx; Intubation for corona virus patients.docx

Susan and Helen,

After reading this account by a doctor intubating and treating corona virus patients on ventilators, I know that Cordova is not capable of handling patients in crisis with that disease. We must do everything we can to prevent corona virus getting into our community. Antibody tests have limitations but can be used in conjuction with PCR tests that screen for the virus itself. Time is of essence and unfortunately current PCR tests involve significant delays in processing the samples. We should be wary of spending $250K on antibody tests without verifying the source, working with our doctors at CCMC and Ilanka, and possibly contacting the FDA.

Please read the following articles. One is by a doctor doing intubations for ventilator patients. The other is an article in Medscape regarding antibody tests.

Thanks for your help Susan. Karl Becker

Susan Bourgeois

From: Anne Schaefer
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:37 AM
To: Susan Bourgeois
Subject: Fwd: antibody testing

Sent from Outlook Mobile

From: Bill Lindow <williamlindow@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:35:04 AM
To: Mayor & City Council <Mayor&Council@cityofcordova.net>
Subject: antibody testing

Hello all, and thanks for serving on Council.
I read the Cordova Times story regarding discussion of purchasing antibody testing kits for Corona virus. I am intrigued by this idea, and from what I have read on the subject, I encourage you to pursue it. As the summer progresses, this testing could allow the city to return towards normal operations much faster and more safely. The cost is high, but if we are required to purchase 50,000 test kits, we should be able to easily sell our excess kits to other communities, even within Alaska. Cordova would perhaps need 10,000 to 15,000 kits? Please gather as much expert advice as possible on the subject in a short time, and make your decision.

Best regards, Bill Lindow

Susan Bourgeois

From: Karl Becker <karlnancy7466@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:12 AM
To: Susan Bourgeois; Helen Howarth
Subject: covid 19

Hi Susan and Helen,

Please pass this comment to the mayor and city council: Visitors arriving by air should put on a mask before they enter the terminal. That would help prevent an infected individual from transmitting the virus. We should also wear face masks when entering confined areas where we will be in close proximity to other people.

Thanks, Karl Becker

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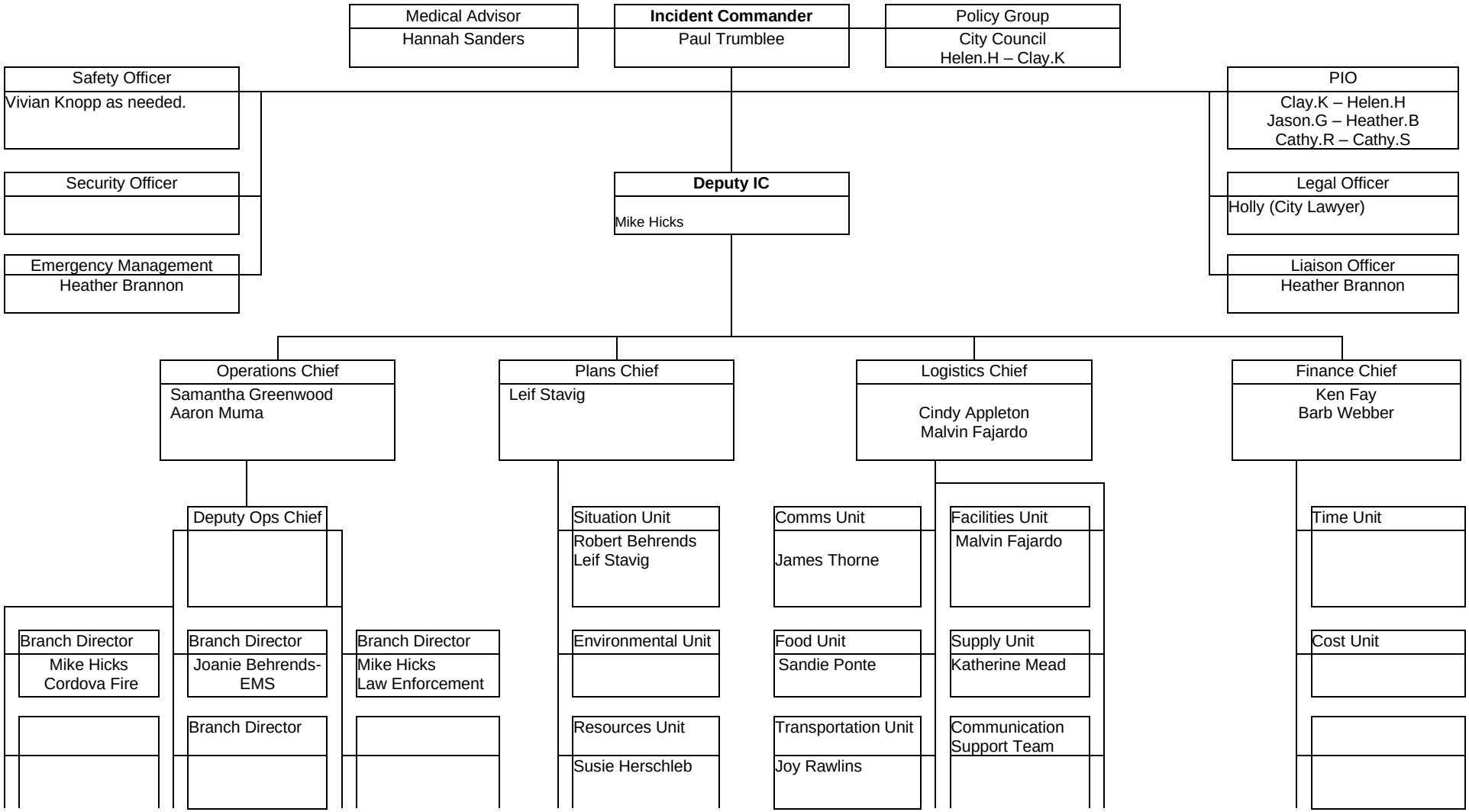
Organization Chart

Incident Name:	Date Prepared:	Time Prepared:	Operational Period Date:	Operational Period Time:
Cordova Covid 19 Pandemic 2020				



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