Mayor
Clay Koplin

Council Members
Tom Bailer
Cathy Sherman
Jeff Guard
Melina Meyer
Anne Schaefer
David Allison
David Glasen

City Manager
Helen Howarth

City Clerk
Susan Bourgeois

Deputy Clerk
Tina Hammer

Student Council
William Deaton

Special City Council Meeting
April 22, 2020 immediately following the 12:00 pm
Joint Work Session wit NVE Tribal Council
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 and Ex Parte Communications

- conflicts as defined in 3.10.010 https://library.municode.com/ak/cordova/codes/code_of_ordinances should be declared, then Mayor rules on whether member should be recused, Council can overrule
- ex parte should be declared here, the content of the ex parte should be explained when the item comes before Council, ex parte does not recuse a member, it is required that ex parte is declared and explained

E. Communications by and petitions from visitors

1. Guest Speakers – IMT Report, incident: COVID-19
2. CCMCA Board Report, School Board Report
3. Audience Comments regarding agenda items…… **(3 minutes per speaker)**

F. Reports of Officers

4. Mayor's Report
5. Manager's Report
6. City Attorney Report

G. Correspondence

7. 04-14-2020 S. Richards email……. **(page 1)**
8. 04-15-2020 K. Justa letter……. **(page 2)**
9. 04-15-2020 H. Sanders letter……. **(page 3)**
10. 04-16-2020 R. Cunningham letter……. **(page 4)**
11. 04-17-2020 W. Deaton letter……. **(page 5)**
12. 04-20-2020 K. Becker email……. **(page 7)**

H. New Business

13. Pending Agenda and calendar……. **(page 8)**

I. Audience participation

J. Council comments

K. Executive Session

Public Call-in number 907-253-6202, each call is placed on hold, then calls will ring through in the order received, please stay on the phone until you've been addressed or thanked by the Chair or Council, then hang up, comments limited to 3 minutes

City Council is permitted to enter into an executive session if an explicit motion is made to do so calling out the subject to be discussed and if that subject falls into one of the 4 categories noted below. Therefore, even if specific agenda items are not listed under the Executive Session header on the agenda, any item on the agenda may trigger discussion on that item that is appropriate for or legally requires an executive session. In the event executive session is appropriate or required, Council may make a motion to enter executive session right during debate on that agenda item or could move to do so later in the meeting.

L. Adjournment

Executive Sessions per Cordova Municipal Code 3.14.030

- **subjects which may be considered are:** (1) matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the government; (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person; provided that the person may request a public discussion; (3) matters which by law, municipal charter or code are required to be confidential; (4) matters involving consideration of governmental records that by law are not subject to public disclosure.
- **subjects may not be considered in the executive session except those mentioned in the motion calling for the executive session, unless they are auxiliary to the main question**
- **action may not be taken in an executive session except to give direction to an attorney or labor negotiator regarding the handling of a specific legal matter or pending labor negotiations**

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From: Stephen Richards <steve@flyridgeline.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 2:52 PM
To: Tom Bailer <CouncilSeatA@cityofcordova.net>; Cathy Sherman <councilseatb@cityofcordova.net>; Jeff Guard <councilseatc@cityofcordova.net>; Melina Meyer <councilseatd@cityofcordova.net>; Anne Schaefer <councilseate@cityofcordova.net>; David Allison <councilseatf@cityofcordova.net>; David Glasen <councilseatg@cityofcordova.net>; Clay Koplin <mayor@cityofcordova.net>
Subject: Assistance in alerting traveling public to Cordova health protocols

Dear Council and Mayor,

I had a chance to speak with FAA regional counsel this morning and he confirmed what I wrote to you yesterday. Both Nome and Barrow tried restricting travel and were overruled by the State and FAA.

What he did mention is that Alaska Airlines may *inform* travelers that the community they are travelling to has a significant community health protocol upon their arrival, and they should be aware of them. He believed they were doing that in Nome, but unconfirmed.

Again, Air Carriers will not police travelers, but people may take it more seriously if they are told by the airlines, than they do when they arrive in Cordova and see a tent outside the terminal staffed with volunteer residents.

If the City would like to look at that option, it was recommended that you contact:

John Binder, Deputy Secretary of DOT/PF (907-269-0730)

Christy Warden, FAA Director of Airports, Alaska Region (907-269-0730)
She would likely have a direct line to senior management at Alaska Airlines.

Best regards,

Steve

Stephen L. Richards
Ridgeline Aviation, Inc.

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On Sun, Apr 12, 2020 at 5:36 PM Stephen Richards <steve@flyridgeline.com> wrote:

> Dear Council Members and Mayor,

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the work you are doing on behalf of our community during this uncertain time. I especially appreciate the council taking actions to continue to ensure the public process is able to take place despite the limitations of technology and time. This takes patience on all of our behalfs. With the actions taken by council during the April 13th meeting in mind, I hope that we as a community can come together and move forward in a manner that ensures the protection of both our community and fishery to the best of our ability.

In regards to Ordinace 1185, I hope to see Council and the Incident Command Team make a very concentrated effort to disseminate timely information and signage that makes compliance possible. I would also like to repeat my request that Council keep the diversity of our community in mind when distributing this information. Languages spoken by local Cordovans and incoming seasonal workers include; Tagalog, Spanish, Russian and Vietnamese. I know we all have Cordova's best interest and public health in mind with enforcing these fines, but we must also do our best to prevent non-compliance with education and information beforehand as well.

Finally, I would also put forth that I have concerns regarding comments made by the public last meeting calling for visitors and hospital admittees to waive their HIPPA rights. I trust City Council will not entertain this notion and will continue to protect its citizen's rights to privacy.

Thank you for your continued public service,

Kinsey Justa
601 Spruce st

Medical Director update: 4/15/2020

Dear Cordova,

I wanted to take a moment to update you on the medical preparations for the potential outbreak of COVID-19 in our community.

CCMC and Ilanka have been working collaboratively to provide the best medical response possible for Cordova.

- We have provided input to the Incident Management Team on recommendations for processors and fishermen to reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 in Cordova and if it does occur to limit its impact.

- We have obtained testing equipment and treatment supplies at both Ilanka and CCMC to be ready if cases do occur.

-We now have rapid testing available at both Ilanka and CCMC. The rapid testing is not approved as a test to screen healthy individuals. The test is used for people with Covid19 symptoms. Test supplies are limited, so we will need to be judicious in who we test. We will continue to follow the Alaska Department of Health testing guidelines.

-We are developing and implementing treatment protocols to include quarantine and Medical plans.

-We have bolstered our oxygen supply.

- We are looking at Emergency staffing needs and back up plans, coordinating with all healthcare staff at Ilanka and CCMC.

Although we have had no positive tests to date, it does not mean that there is no virus in town. Many people, particularly young people do not have symptoms but can still pass the virus on to others. In this light you can help stop the spread of the virus by assuming it is present and taking appropriate precautions.

These include wearing a mask in public, frequent hand washing and maintaining social distancing when out. The disease attacks the elderly and those with existing medical problems harder than others. Please assist your friends and neighbors with those issues by doing their shopping and errands for them. Finally if you know people coming into the town this spring and summer, for whatever reason, encourage them to follow the 14 day quarantine and not leave their residence to go out to any stores or common places. Please continue to follow Cordova mandates and guidelines. We thank you for your support during this crisis.

Best,
Hannah Sanders, MD

Food For Thought…

All across the country, meat processors are shutting down as workers become infected with COVID-19. I want everyone to take what I have to say into consideration as our salmon season begins.

Unfortunately, I do not see our community isolating itself as I wish it would. So, as we prepare ourselves for the influx of people who will be coming into our community, we also must do our due diligence to protect the continuation of our community and fishery. If we happen to have an outbreak of COVID-19 within our fleet or canneries, the State could likely shut our whole fishery down. I'm not trying to scare people; rather, I am trying to encourage all of you to do your part and help others to do theirs. We need to take every precaution of safety. Wear masks and gloves, social distance, stay away from the harbor/cannery areas if you do not have business there, try to go to the stores as little as possible, and be accountable for not only your actions but also the actions of others. We must find a balance between keeping our fishery going and the necessity of limiting the spread of this virus.

I am a 6th generation commercial fisherman, and I understand the need to continue our fishery. It is not only important, economically, but environmentally. We have seen before that excessive amounts of fish in streams lead to hypoxia, which is the lack of oxygen;; this means that all those extra fish will kill off themselves, their spawn, and other living organisms. If we do not fish, it could and will possibly be the demise of our fishery. We need concrete plans set in place so that the fishery does not get shut down.

We need to also focus on subsistence. I haven't heard of anyone being worried about subsistence yet. There needs to a change so that <u>everyone</u> can proxy their fish. Before COVID-19, people would bring friends and family out on their boats to fill their subsistence permits. We can't do that anymore and still follow the State and City health mandates. We need to focus on every person in our community getting their home pack, and the way we can do that is by opening up the proxy system to everyone.

We need to lead ourselves and the Incident Management Team with science. We must utilize our medical professionals. If we had a tsunami or a fire and needed to rebuild houses and buildings, we would listen to the contractors. If we had a disaster within our fishery or something environmentally, we would look to the biologists. We have a global pandemic on our hands, and we need to listen to the epidemiologist and doctors who know how to manage this best.

Constructively we have seen short-term stepping up at various levels within our community, but we simultaneously need to commit to a more sustainable approach. The virus will get here, and it is not going to end quickly. This virus situation could last 2 to 4 years. We must have a mission of "responsibilization," meaning we must individually and collectively be responsible for stopping the spread of COVID-19. We need to put a stop to the reckless and selfish behavior and make sure people are held accountable and given consequences for their actions. More than ever, we must find this balance between collective and individual responsibility by focusing on the path of least destruction. The continuation of our community and fishery depends on it.

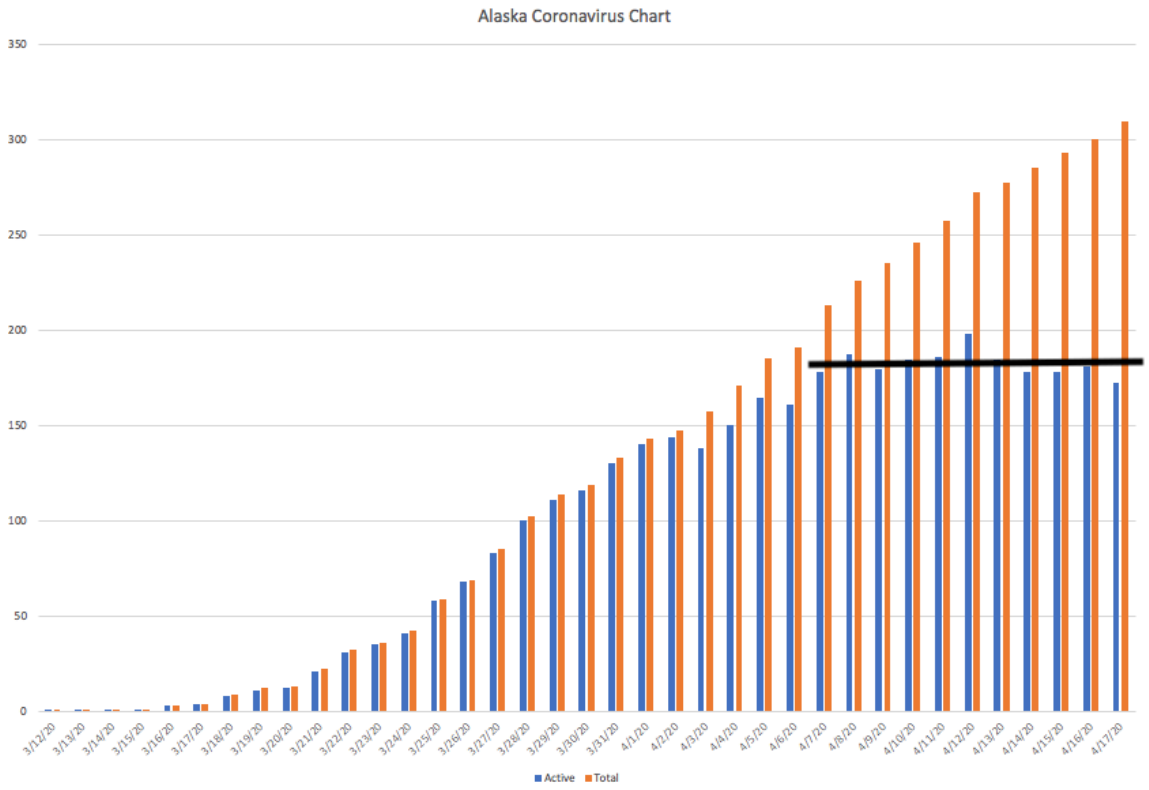
Raven Cunningham

City Council of Cordova
601 1st Street
Cordova, AK 99574

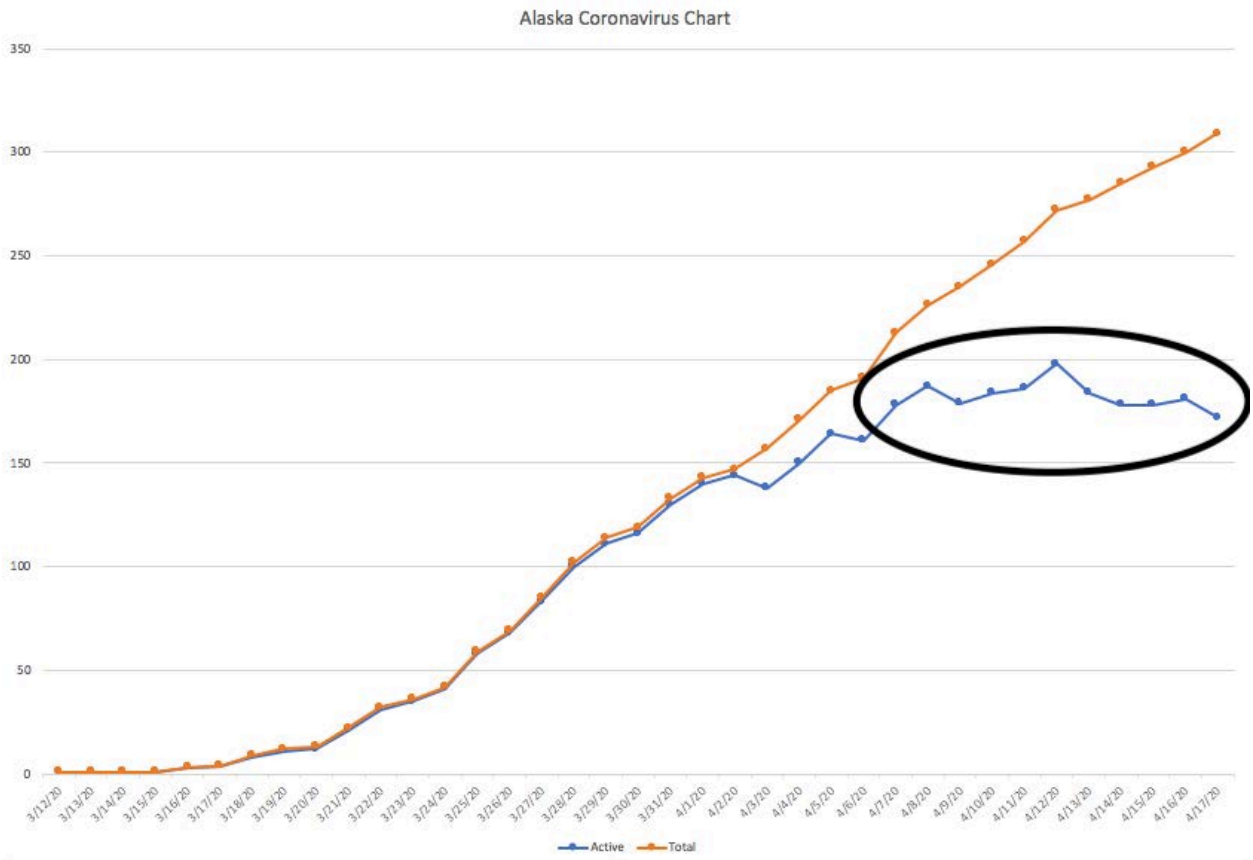
April 17, 2020

Dear City Council Members,

Thank you for serving our community during this difficult time. This letter does not have any recommendations for you or the Incident Management Team. It is a letter with the intent to help the Alaskan people, specifically you, to have all of the tools that you need for this job. Our state government is not giving us all of the facts. They only report the total number of cases, recovered, and deaths to date, but they never tell us how many ***active*** cases there are. It doesn't take too long, but one would need to sit down, do the math, and find the answer. I have taken it upon myself to go back, dig through daily articles from when the virus first officially came to Alaska and record what I found. Here is the result of that labor.



As you can see here, the total number of cases continues to rise. However, since about April 7, 2020, the active number of cases of the coronavirus has remained the same. The active number of cases has nearly plateaued.



This is a line graph for the same data. The circled area shows the relative plateau of active cases of the coronavirus in Alaska, that are being reported.

Some may question why I am doing this, after all I am not a scientist who has received a degree of any kind. The response is simple. This data is not being reported. It is important that the Alaskan people have the data that they need so that they can make the best decisions for themselves. This data is just another tool in that toolbox.

Sincerely,

William Deaton
High School Senior

Susan Bourgeois

From: Karl Becker <karlnancy7466@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 9:27 AM
To: Susan Bourgeois
Subject: Measures to prevent COVID-19 spread in Cordova

Susan, please pass this letter to the city council.

Dear City Council,

Thank you for all your hard work and for this opportunity to express my views with the goal of protecting our community from the unfortunate consequences of exposure to COVID-19.

I think we can compare our town to a cruise ship. The close proximity of people in the fishing industry – fishers or cannery workers - can lead to wide-spread contamination by one case of COVID-19. Remember, this is not the flu. It is 10 to 20 times more deadly and doesn't respect age. People can be infected and contagious without knowing it. Most ICU patients on ventilators die. Survivors of COVID-19 can face a lifetime of complications such as scarred lungs and damaged kidneys. Are we ready to allow ourselves, our families, our friends, visitors, medical providers, seasonal workers and fishers to risk this outcome? I'm not.

We should take steps to avoid these outcomes. These would be a start:

1. Businesses, agencies, and medical facilities in town must ensure that everyone wear a mask before entering the premises. Wearing a mask in public spaces is a matter of personal responsibility and public safety. When we enter a business wearing a mask, we are showing respect and concern for the people serving us by protecting them if we happen to be infected.
2. We must adopt a zero-tolerance policy toward any case of COVID-19. If one case appears, fishing must be suspended pending testing and tracing to determine if there are any other infected individuals. The fleet and canneries must act responsibly to help us prevent any case of the disease. While unpleasant, there are precedents for interrupting fishing including strikes and the oil spill. Representatives of our city government should contact the agencies responsible for the fisheries to implement this policy.
3. All returning members of the fishing and processing community must quarantine for 14 days. A separate area of the harbor must be set aside for fishers quarantining on board their boats.
4. These recommendations must be enforceable.
5. Finally, we also should remember to socially distance, wear masks, wash our hands, and don't touch our faces!

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in with these suggestions. If we do the right things, we can make it through the fishing season unscathed by this terrible disease.

Karl Becker

April 2020

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1ST DAY OF WEEK	SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 6:45 Council pub hrg 7:00 Council reg mtg CCAB	2	3	4
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12	13 12:00 Council spec mtg CCAB	14	15 12:00 Council spec mtg CCAB 5:30 CTC Board Meeting ~~7:00 Council reg mtg CCAB~~	16 3:00 Council joint work session with NVETC	17	18
19	20 7:00 Board of Equalization hearing CCAB	21	22 12:00 Council joint work session with NVETC ~1:00 Council spec mtg CCAB 6:00 CEC Board Meeting	23	24	25
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P&Z - 2nd Tues
SchBd, Hrb Cms - 2nd Wed
CTC - 3rd Wed
P&R - last Tues
CEC - 4th Wed
CCMCA Bd - last Thurs

May 2020

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