

Regular City Council Meeting
May 6, 2020 @ 7:00 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B
Minutes

A. Call to order

Mayor Clay Koplín called the Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:47 pm on May 6, 2020, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Invocation and pledge of allegiance

Mayor Koplín led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll call

Present for roll call were **Mayor Clay Koplín** and Council members **Tom Bailer** and **David Allison**. Council members **Cathy Sherman**, **Jeff Guard**, **Melina Meyer**, **Anne Schaefer** and **David Glasen** were present via teleconference. Also present were City Manager **Helen Howarth** and City Clerk **Susan Bourgeois**.

D. Approval of Regular Agenda

Hearing no objection to the regular agenda, **Mayor Koplín** declared it approved as presented.

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

F. Communications by and Petitions from Visitors

1. Guest speaker

a. Incident Management Team, Covid-19 update – this report was presented at a special meeting earlier in the evening.

b. **Cathy Renfeldt**, Cordova Chamber of Commerce, was present via teleconference and reported on her work with businesses in Cordova through the pandemic and told of the assistance she has given business owners interpreting state mandates and City rules and the overlap.

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items:

Sara Parker asked how the City anticipates handling a large group of individuals that have repeatedly communicated to the fishing union that they will not comply with City or State mandates, especially those who are travelling here from a place with known widespread community transmission.

Mayor Koplín responded by saying we will continue to encourage compliance; he's noticed it working well when you just have a conversation with people.

Bret Bradford of 402 Railroad Row commented that the Capital Improvement List looks good, he is interested in how the City is pursuing the community water supply and he spoke against Resolution 05-20-18 he opined that less is more and he didn't think any more advisory committees are necessary for these negotiations.

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

Greg Meyer, CCMCA Board Chair was present via teleconference and reported: 1) staff has been working incredibly hard preparing for the pandemic and finding funding sources during this emergency, rounding up PPE and equipment and participating in meetings; 2) the clinic is open for business, PT, Behavioral Health all open to take appointments, he encouraged people to call and schedule.

Barb Jewell, School Board President reported: 1) a few more weeks of school left – students continue to participate virtually, there has been a lot of creativity, everyone misses each other; 2) graduation plans are coming along – a video is being produced, will be shared on May 16 and parents and students are planning a procession through town that evening as well; 3) the School District has submitted its budget to the City – does include a request for additional funding; 4) spring music concerts were online – available on YouTube; 5) superintendent is working with the state on the possibility of a summer school program; 6) it is teacher appreciation week – if you get an opportunity reach out to a teacher or staff member that is working with kids.

4. Student Council representative – was not present

G. Approval of Consent Calendar

5. Resolution 05-20-15 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, supporting a BUILD grant application to improve and upgrade the Cordova South Harbor

6. Resolution 05-20-16 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing a TIER 1 application for the State of Alaska Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program to fund South Harbor repairs

7. Minutes of the 04-01-2020 Council Public Hearing

8. Minutes of the 04-01-2020 Regular Council Meeting

Vote on the approval of the consent calendar: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Bailer-yes; Sherman-yes; Guard-yes; Meyer-yes; Schaefer-yes; Allison-yes and Glasen-yes. Consent calendar was approved.

H. Approval of Minutes - Mayor Koplín moved these under the consent calendar.

~~7. Minutes of the 04-01-2020 Council Public Hearing~~

~~8. Minutes of the 04-01-2020 Regular Council Meeting~~

I. Consideration of Bids - none

J. Reports of Officers

9. Mayor's Report - **Mayor Koplín** passed as he has already contributed to the meeting tonight.

10. Manager's Report - City Manager **Helen Howarth** moved right on to the Finance report.

a. Finance Report, **Ken Fay**, Finance Director said he was glad to be in Cordova and he's excited to be a part of a good team. He said the investments are down about \$700K since Jan 1. **Bailer** asked what percent that is, **Fay** said about 8-9%, **Bailer** sad that is not bad for the year.

11. City Clerk's Report - **Bourgeois** had nothing to report.

K. Correspondence

12. 04-14-2020 DNR agency notice Easement Application for PWSSC

L. Ordinances and Resolutions

13. Resolution 05-20-17 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, designating Capital Improvement Projects

M/Allison S/Bailer to approve Resolution 05-20-17 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, designating Capital Improvement Projects

Schaefer asked if the 2nd Street Road improvements could maybe be pulled from the list.

M/Sherman S/Guard to amend the resolution by moving item 2 on the list to the bottom and moving each other item up one. **amendment withdrawn**

Public Works Director **Greenwood** was on the line and she was of the opinion that community water supply should stay on the list - possibly it's ok at a lower number. After some other Council discussion, it was agreed upon that a water source might be more important than these other items, **Sherman** agreed and withdrew her motion to amend, there was agreement of the second to also withdraw. She also strongly suggested that next time these come before Council that a short description of the project as well as funding in place or being sought is included too.

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Schaefer-yes; Sherman-yes; Bailer-yes; Meyer-yes; Allison-yes; Guard-yes and Glasen-yes. Motion was approved.

14. Resolution 05-20-18 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, establishing the CCMC Purchase and Sale Advisory Committee, appointing its leadership team and founding members, directing that committee to analyze any offers to purchase CCMC, and directing the committee to analyze, review, and make recommendations regarding the purchase and sale of CCMC and regarding the codification of a purchase and sale procedure for CCMC

M/Bailer S/Allison to approve Resolution 05-20-18 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, establishing the CCMC Purchase and Sale Advisory Committee, appointing its leadership team and founding members, directing that committee to analyze any offers to purchase CCMC, and directing the committee to analyze, review, and make recommendations regarding the purchase and sale of CCMC and regarding the codification of a purchase and sale procedure for CCMC

M/Allison S/Bailer to go into an executive session to discuss the sale of CCMC, because it is a matter the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City and to invite **Greg Meyer** and **Rob Allen** into the executive session, City Attorney **Holly Wells** also teleconferenced in for the executive session.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Koplín recessed the meeting at 8:47 pm to clear the room and for the City Clerk to text Council a different call in number for the executive session.

Council entered the executive session at 8:50 pm

Council came back into open session at 9:50 pm

Mayor Koplín said that no action was taken in the executive session.

M/Allison S/Bailer to refer Resolution 05-20-18 to staff.

Allison said it just needs more work, an adjustment or two by staff, it isn't an emergency, it can come back at a later date. Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Allison-yes; Sherman-yes; Meyer-yes; Bailer-yes; Guard-yes; Schaefer-yes and Glasen-yes. Motion was approved.

M. Unfinished Business - none

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

15. Pending Agenda, Calendar and Elected & Appointed Officials lists

Council opted for another noon Special Meeting next week on Wednesday May 13. Also, Council would also have the Regular Meeting on May 20, then future Special Meetings could be re-evaluated. Council considered a 6pm start time; they opted to revisit this later in May.

O. Audience Participation

P. Council Comments

Schaefer gave a big thanks to staff, the community and Council for the time invested.

Meyer also thanked everyone.

Allison said ditto to that.

Sherman said thanks as well to everyone, said it was a hard day, turned out as best it could. As far as the Capital Improvements list we used to put a short paragraph description whether or not it is funded or pending funding, etc.

Bailer said it was very impressive to hear Dr. Zink at the 1pm update and to think that the Mayor is being updated by Senator Murkowski as events occur, little old Cordova is in the center of it. He thanks everyone involved in that.

Guard thanked everyone for everything, it's been a long day.

Glasen said that being on Council stinks sometimes, you have to make tough comments and tough decisions. He said if he could give Helen a hug, he would.

Q. Adjournment

M/Bailer S/Allison to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection *Mayor Koplín* adjourned the meeting at 10:15 pm.

Approved: May 20, 2020

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

