

# City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.  
Valdez, AK 99686



## Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

**Economic Diversification Commission**

## REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Colleen Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

### II. ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Colleen Stephens  
Jim Shirrell  
Levi Rowland  
Lanette Oliver

Excused 1 - Sadie Blancaflor

Also Present 2 - Martha Barberio  
Brienne Skilbred

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 1. Approval of Economic Diversification Commission Minutes from May 1, 2024

The minutes from the Economic Diversification Commission meeting on May 1, 2024 were approved by unanimous consent.

### IV. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There wasn't any public business from the floor at this time.

### V. NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Approval of the 2024 Economic Strategic Plan

MOTION: Commissioner Rowland moved, seconded by Chair Pro Tempore Shirrell, to Approve. The motion carried by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

The 2024 Economic Strategic Plan was briefly introduced by Martha Barberio, Economic Development Director. Meilani Schivjens of Rain Coast Data recommended adding mariculture and transportation into the priority objectives since the Economic Diversification Commission is currently working on these items. She also recommended to remove the priority objective of the Healthcare

Workforce that was previously added as this is a priority on the State level and would be difficult to find a champion locally to support.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 4 - Stephens, Shirrell, Rowland, and Oliver

Absent: 1 – Blancaflor

MOTION CARRIED

**2. Approval of Recommendation to Council for Childcare Proposal with Rain Coast Data**

MOTION: Chair Pro Tempore Shirrell moved, seconded by Commissioner Rowland, to Approve Recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

Ms. Barberio briefly introduced the proposal. Discussion was had and clarifications were requested and provided on initiatives and grant funding utilization.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 4 - Stephens, Shirrell, Rowland, and Oliver

Absent: 1 – Blancaflor

MOTION CARRIED

**VI. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

There wasn't any commission business from the floor at this time.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further comments, Chair Stephens adjourned the meeting at 7:27pm.