

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #24-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, AMENDING THE 2024 BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$400,000 FROM THE COUNCIL CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUND FOR THE DESIGN OF A CHILD CARE FACILITY

WHEREAS, the lack of affordability, adequacy, and availability of child care or early childhood education options is an immense problem both in the City of Valdez and throughout Alaska; and

WHEREAS, The City of Valdez contracted with the Stellar Group in 2022 to conduct an Early Childhood Needs Assessment with the goal of better understanding the effects of Valdez's child care crisis on families, businesses and the community more broadly; and

WHEREAS, the needs assessment identified Valdez as a "child care desert", prompting the City Council to establish child care as its highest priority consistently through strategic planning sessions, vision setting, and comprehensive goals; and

WHEREAS, the City Council established the Valdez Child Care Crisis Task Force (CCCTF) through Resolution 23-07 in and the task force submitted their recommendations to City Council in January 2024; and

WHEREAS, Bettisworth North conducted a Child Care Site Analysis & Concept Design recommended by the CCTF and presented their report to Council on September 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Council and School board held a joint work session to discuss the child care site proposal on October 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, final agreements and MOU's are contingent on a complete design; and

WHEREAS, the design must be completed before FY2025 to ensure construction is able to proceed in FY2025; and

WHEREAS, the council contingency was established for spending on unbudgeted city priorities with a balance adequate to cover the costs of design; and

WHEREAS, budget amendments must be formally appropriated via Budget Amendment Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that the 2024 City Budget is amended as follows:

Section 1: Council Contingency Reserve, 350-0202-55000, is decreased by \$400,000

Section 2: Child Care Facility Design, 310-3340-58000, is increased by \$400,000

Section 3: Transfer from Reserve, 310-0050-39140 is increased by \$400,000

Section 4: Transfer to Capital Fund, 350-0050-49125, is increased by \$400,000

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this 6th day of November, 2024.

City of Valdez, Alaska

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk