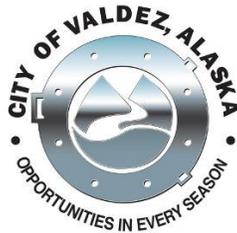


212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

Monday, November 18, 2024

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

Ports and Harbor Commission

Regular Meeting – 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Colleen Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:06pm in the Council Chambers.

II. ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Commission Member Colleen Stephens
Commission Member Alan Steed
Commission Member Neil "Vince" Kelly
Commission Member Jamie Pierce

Excused 1 - Commission Member Andrea West

Absent 1 - Commission Member Edward Day

Also Present 5 - Director Ports and Harbors Jeremy Talbott
Harbormaster Sarah Von Bargen
Administrative Assistant Tenisha Hunt
Administrative Assistant Sarah Cox
Port Operations Manager Andrew Doherty

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Port and Harbor Commission regular meeting minutes for October 21st, 2024.

MOTION: Commission Member Kelly moved, seconded by Commission Member Pierce, to Approve. The motion carried by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 4 – Commission Member Stephens, Commission Member Steed, Commission Member Kelly, and Commission Member Pierce.

Motion Passed.

IV. ELECTION OF CHAIR

MOTION: Commission Member Kelly moved, seconded by Commission Member Steed, to approve the election of Commission Member Stephens to Ports and Harbors commission chair. The motion carried by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

Commission Member Kelly nominated Commission Member Stephens.

Commission Member Stephens voiced her concern about being the chair of two different boards within the City of Valdez.

Director Ports and Harbors Jeremy Talbott voiced that her concern would not be an issue.

There being no further discussion, Commission Member Stephens invited a vote on the motion.

Yays: 4 – Commission Member Stephens, Commission Member Steed, Commission Member Kelly, and Commission Member Pierce.

MOTION PASSED.

V. ELECTION OF CHAIR PRO TEMPORE

MOTION: Commission Member Kelly moved, seconded by Commission Member Steed, to approve the election of Commission Member Day to Ports and Harbors commission chair pro tempore. The motion carried by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

Commission Member Kelly nominated Commission Member Day.

There being no further discussion, Commission Member Stephens invited a vote on the motion.

Yays: 4 – Commission Member Stephens, Commission Member Steed, Commission Member Kelly, and Commission Member Pierce.

MOTION PASSED.

VI. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Recommendation to Ports and Harbor Commission to Update the Existing Fee Structure of the Harbor Residential Surcharge and Repeal Resolution No. 23-18 Establishing a Residential Surcharge for Residential Vessels in the Valdez Harbors.

MOTION: Commission Member Steed moved, seconded by Commission Member Kelly, to Approve recommendation to Ports and Harbor Commission to update the existing fee structure of the Harbor Residential Surcharge and repeal Resolution No. 23-18 formerly naming such fees. The motion carried by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

Commission Member Steed and Chair Stephens asked Harbormaster Von Barga that the changes were still in line with the discussion at our previous meeting.

Yays: 4 – Chair Stephens, Commission Member Steed, Commission Member Kelly, and Commission Member Pierce.

MOTION PASSED.

2. Approval of Recommendation to the Valdez City Council to Waive or Credit 2025 Annual Moorage Fees for Valdez Resident Owned Commercial Fishing Vessels.

MOTION: Commission Member Kelly moved, seconded by Commission Member Pierce, to Approve recommendation to the Valdez City Council to waive or credit 2025 annual moorage fees for Valdez resident owned commercial fishing vessels. The motion failed by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

Commission Member Steed asked where the idea for waiving moorage fees came from.

Ports & Harbors Director Talbott stated that it was Mayor directive and brought before the City Council.

Commission Member Peirce posed the question that if the future salmon runs are disastrous, is the City of Valdez going to provide relief each year.

Commission Member Steed wonders if future silver salmon charters and tourist operations are affected, will the same relief be provided.

There being no further discussion, Chair Stephens invited a vote on the motion.

Yays: 1 – Commission Member Kelly

Nays: 3 – Chair Stephens, Commission Member Steed, and Commission Member Pierce.

MOTION FAILED.

VIII. REPORTS

Harbormaster Von Bargaen asked the Commissioners if they want to change the time of our regular meetings.

Ports and Harbors Director Talbott informed the board that he will be out of office December 8th until mid-January.

VIII. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Commission Member Steed asked Port Operations Manager Doherty for an update on the Kelsey Dock dolphin project.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Stephens adjourned the meeting at 7:27pm.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA
PORTS AND HARBOR COMMISSION

Colleen Stephens, Chair

ATTEST:

Sarah Cox, Harbor Administrative Assistant