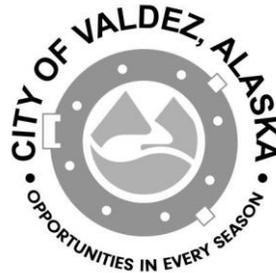


City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Action Summary

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting & Budget Public Hearing

Council Chambers

City Council

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Pro Tem Alan Sorum
Council Member Dennis Fleming
Council Member Todd Wegner
Council Member Jimmy Devens
Council Member Olivia Foster
Council Member Austin Love

Excused: 1 - Mayor Sharon Scheidt

Also Present: 5 - City Manager John Parsons Douglas
Assistant City Manager Nathan Duval
Deputy City Clerk Elise Sorum-Birk
City Attorney Jake Staser
Clerk's Office Staff Katie Carr

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing - 2024 City Budget

City Manager John Douglas reviewed the budget included in the agenda packet.

Public Comment was received from Advocates for Victims of Violence (AVV) representative Janice Johnson regarding the CSO budget.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes - October 17, 2023

2. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes - November 7, 2023

Approval was moved to the next regular meeting due to technical issues.

VI. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Faith Revel, Valdez Museum & Historical Archive Interim Director, updated Council on current and upcoming museum events and exhibitions.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proclamation: Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

2. **Appointments to the Planning & Zoning Commission, Applicants: Stephen Goudreau & Caleb Metroka**
3. **Approval To Go Into Executive Session - Re: Valdez Marine Terminal Contingency Plan renewal and legal implications for the City of Valdez**
4. **Appointment to the Providence Valdez Medical Center Community Advisory Council, Applicant: Kathleen Phillips**

MOTION: Devens moved, seconded by Fleming, to approve all items on the consent agenda.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 6 - Sorum, Fleming, Wegner, Devens, Foster and Love

Absent: 1 - Scheidt

MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Appointment to the Permanent Fund Investment Committee, Applicants: Jim Shirrell and Bill Wise**

Council Members voted by ballot to appoint one of the two applicants. Deputy City Clerk Sorum-Birk reported a tie vote.

MOTION: Fleming moved, seconded by Love, to postpone appointment to the Permanent Fund Investment Committee to the next regular City Council meeting on December 12, 2023.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 6 - Sorum, Fleming, Wegner, Devens, Foster and Love

Absent: 1 - Scheidt

MOTION CARRIED.

2. **Discussion Item: Meals Hill Public Art Installation Final Design**

John Clark, Port Valdez Company, reviewed his presentation included in the agenda packet.

Council Members Love, Foster and Devens requested a more prominent acknowledgment to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS), and conservation efforts, in the art display, as the funds used to acquire the property came from EVOS funds intended to help recover from the spill. Telling the story of the oil spill, and recognizing the conservation values, was critical to the design.

3. Approval of a Contract with Orion Construction, Inc., for HHES Roof, Door & Siding Replacement in the Amount of \$9,528,585.

MOTION: Fleming moved, seconded by Love, to approve the Contract with Orion Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$9,528,585.

Capital Facilities Director Nate Duval provided details relating to the bid process and expected timeline for the elementary school roof project.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 6 - Sorum, Fleming, Wegner, Devens, Foster and Love
Absent: 1 - Scheidt
MOTION CARRIED.

4. Approval of the Providence Valdez Medical Center 2024 Budget

MOTION: Fleming moved, seconded by Devens, to approve the Providence Valdez Medical Center 2024 Budget.

Lindsie King, PVMC Finance Director, responded to questions regarding the following items:

- patient days and Emergency Room days
- reimbursement
- gross service revenue
- net assets
- bad debt
- salaries & wages
- professional fees
- benefits

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 6 - Sorum, Fleming, Wegner, Devens, Foster and Love
Absent: 1 - Scheidt
MOTION CARRIED.

IX. RESOLUTIONS

1. #23-54 - Supporting the Valdez Senior Center's Human Service Transportation Grant Application to the Alaska Community Transit Office for Fiscal Year 2025

MOTION: Devens moved, seconded by Foster, to approve Resolution #23-54 Supporting the Valdez Senior Center's Human Service Transportation Grant Application to the Alaska Community Transit Office for Fiscal Year 2024.

Senior Center Executive Director Byron Hales provided a brief overview of the transportation program supported by the state grant.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 6 - Sorum, Fleming, Wegner, Devens, Foster and Love
Absent: 1 - Scheidt
MOTION CARRIED.

2. #23-55 Supporting Full Funding for the State of Alaska Municipal Harbor Facilities Grant Program in Fiscal Year 2025 State Capital Budget in the Amount of \$7,644,677

MOTION: Foster moved, seconded by Fleming, to approve Resolution #23-55 Supporting Full Funding for the State of Alaska Municipal Harbor Facilities Grant Program in Fiscal Year 2025 State Capital Budget in the Amount of \$7,644,677.

Council Member Love inquired about the specificity of the number in the grant request. Ports and Harbors Director Jeremy Talbot noted it was a statewide request and accounted for the top two projects on the list.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 6 - Sorum, Fleming, Wegner, Devens, Foster and Love
Absent: 1 - Scheidt
MOTION CARRIED.

3. #23-56 - Amending the 2023 City Budget by Accepting \$1140.50 in Unbudgeted Revenues and Transferring the Same to the Police Scholarship Reserve Fund

MOTION: Foster moved, seconded by Fleming, to approve Resolution #23-56 Amending the 2023 City Budget by Accepting \$1140.50 in Unbudgeted Revenues and Transferring the Same to the Police Scholarship Reserve Fund.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 6 - Sorum, Fleming, Wegner, Devens, Foster and Love
Absent: 1 - Scheidt
MOTION CARRIED.

4. #23-57 - Amending the 2023 Budget by Appropriating \$9.8 Million of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance to the Hermon Hutchens Elementary School Exterior Upgrade Project

MOTION: Fleming moved, seconded by Love, to approve Resolution #23-57 & Amending the 2023 Budget by Appropriating \$9.8 Million of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance to the Hermon Hutchens Elementary School Exterior Upgrade Project.

Director Duval addressed the included request to have additional available contingency for the project.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 6 - Sorum, Fleming, Wegner, Devens, Foster and Love

Absent: 1 - Scheidt

MOTION CARRIED.

X. CITY MANAGER / CITY CLERK / CITY ATTORNEY / MAYOR REPORTS

1. City Manager Report

City Manager Douglas highlighted that the Army Corp would be holding a public meeting on December 5th regarding the Corbin Creek realignment. He thanked those involved in the employee recognition event.

2. City Clerk Report

Deputy City Clerk Sorum-Birk reminded Council to access NeoGov for City Clerk Sheri Pierce's annual evaluation. She reviewed the upcoming Council calendar, including the City Holiday Party.

3. City Attorney Report

Attorney Staser outlined projects and provided updates on cases his firm is working on behalf of the City, including Valdez v. Tucker, escaped property, the Valdez Marine Terminal C-Plan update & amendment, and Alderwood.

4. City Mayor Report

Mayor Pro Tem Sorum encouraged those listening to keep the community of Wrangell in their thoughts as they recover from the landslide.

XI. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Council Member Devens shared his condolences with Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, who shared he had lost friends in the Wrangell landslide. He thanked Council Member Love for his comments on the significance and impact of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, and noted it was specifically relevant to the conservation property being developed on Meals Hill and should be included in much of the public facing architecture. He thanked the recipients of the City of Valdez employee longevity awards individually.

Council Member Foster gave a shout out to the Child Care Crisis Task Force.

Council Member Love thanked the Streets Department for their snow removal efforts. He encouraged those listening to be careful on the ice. He thanked the Valdez Police Department for having an incredible culture of respectful law enforcement.

Council Member Wegner encouraged everyone to enjoy their family and loved ones.

Council Member Fleming gave a shout out to the Valdez Girl's Volleyball Team for placing second in the State tournament.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Fleming excused himself prior to Executive Session.

XIII. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Sorum stated upon returning from Executive Session Council had provided legal counsel with direction on preparation of comments relating to the Valdez Marine Terminal Contingency Plan renewal.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT