

City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting
Council Chambers

City Council

WORK SESSION AGENDA - 6:00 pm

1. Work Session: Valdez Police Department Annual Report

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. SWEAR-IN CITY COUNCIL

IV. ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

V. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Sharon Scheidt
Council Member Dawson Moore
Council Member Susan Love
Council Member Jimmy Devens
Council Member Todd Wegner

Excused: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Alan Sorum
Council Member Dennis Fleming

Also Present: 5 - City Manager Mark Detter
Assistant City Manager Nathan Duval
City Clerk Sheri Pierce
Records Manager Shelley McMillen
City Attorney Jake Staser

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VII. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Benjamin Rush, Valdez Adventure Alliance, invited the community to their upcoming National Trails Day event.

Dave Tousignant, Valdez Resident, shared his concern over the housing incentive not including those who applied for their permit and began construction prior to the approval and implementation of the incentive, and had not yet completed construction or received an occupancy permit.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval To Go Into Executive Session Re: Escaped Property -Treatment of Supplemental Assessments**
2. **Proclamation: National Trails Day**

3. Proclamation: National Bike Week

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Love, to approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 5 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

Excused: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Sorum Council Member Fleming

MOTION CARRIED

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Temporary Access Agreement with Rydor Enterprises, LLC, Camicia Creek Landholdings, LLC, and Brandon Reese, for Access of Parcels A-1, A-2 and B, ASLS 79-116 and Tract C of Rydor Subdivision 2019 Addition Across City of Valdez Property.

MOTION: Council Member Wegner moved, seconded by Council Member Love, to approve the Temporary Access Agreement with Rydor Enterprises, LLC, Camicia Creek.

Council Member Wegner asked if residents in the area had been contacted and informed about the process.

Planning Director Ms. Kate Huber explained there was not a formal public process for this agreement other than the standard Council agenda, though there had been ample opportunity for public input around the conversation looking for a more permanent solution. She reminded Council this was a temporary agreement.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 5 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

Excused: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Sorum Council Member Fleming

MOTION CARRIED

2. Approval of the 2022-2023 Valdez City Schools Budget

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to approve the 2022-2023 Valdez City Schools Budget.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 4 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Moore,

Council Member Love, Council Member Devens
 Excused: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Sorum Council Member Fleming
 Abstained: 1 - Council Member Wegner
 MOTION CARRIED

X. ORDINANCES

1. #22-07 - Amending the Zoning Map to Effect a Change to Lot 1C, USS 197, Plat 2007-15 to Commercial Residential. First Reading. Public Hearing.

MOTION: Council Member Wegner moved, seconded by Council Member Love, to approve Ordinance #22-07 on first reading and public hearing.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

Nays: 1 - Mayor Scheidt

Excused: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Sorum Council Member Fleming
MOTION CARRIED

XI. RESOLUTIONS

1. #22-33 - Amending the 2022 Budget by Accepting the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry 2022 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant in the Amount of \$4,999.99 and Authorizing the Expenditure

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Wegner, to approve Resolution #22-33.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 5 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

Excused: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Sorum Council Member Fleming
MOTION CARRIED

2. #22-34 - Authorizing a Lease with Harris Sand & Gravel for 4380 McKinley Street, Parcel B, ATS 10

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Wegner, to approve Resolution #22-34.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 5 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

Excused: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Sorum Council Member Fleming

MOTION CARRIED

3. #22-35 - Amending the 2022 City Budget by Recognizing \$55,100 of Additional Revenues from Providence Valdez Medical Center for the Valdez Childcare Needs Assessment, and Appropriating Expenditures for the Same

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Love, to approve Resolution #22-35.

Council Member Wegner asked if there were any studies on the subject already completed. Mr. Detter stated he had not been made aware of any studies specifically on childcare.

Council Member Love explained if Council was going to respond to the request for help from the community, it would be reasonable to try and assess the issue in a more formal way.

Council Member Devens stated when it came to matters of public expenditure and public interest, it was worthwhile to make the effort to collect the best information.

Mayor Scheidt expressed her support in having accurate information in hand when approaching outside entities for partnership on addressing the issue.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 5 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

Excused: 2 - Mayor Pro Tem Sorum Council Member Fleming
MOTION CARRIED

XII. REPORTS

1. Report: Temporary Land Use Permit #22-03 for Fat Mermaid Restaurant for 518 Square Feet of Public Right-of-Way Immediately Adjacent to Lot 1A, Block 39A, Harbor Subdivision

XIII. CITY MANAGER / CITY CLERK / CITY ATTORNEY / MAYOR REPORTS**1. City Manager Report****2. City Manager's Report May 17, 2022**

Mr. Detter reviewed the City Manager's Report included in the agenda packet. He highlighted a meeting on the St. Patrick Subdivision, interviews for the PRCS Director and Deputy City Clerk positions, and rezoning for the Senior

Housing project. He updated Council on the property tax assessment issue. He reviewed the upcoming Strategic Planning Session, including scheduling, with Council. Council instructed him to return with two dates for Council's consideration.

2. City Clerk Report

Ms. Pierce reviewed the upcoming Council Calendar, as well as Board and Commission vacancies. She informed Council the Deputy City Clerk position had been offered to Ms. Elise Sorum-Birk, and she had accepted. Ms. Pierce would bring the ratification of the position back to Council during the upcoming Regular Council Meeting on June 7th.

3. City Attorney Report

Mr. Staser outlined projects and provided updates on cases his firm is working on behalf of the City, including escaped property, and the C-Plan.

4. City Mayor Report

Mayor Scheidt confirmed her availability to attend the upcoming Scholarship Night.

XIV. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Council Member Moore looked forward to returning to Chambers in person in June. He informed Council the Valdez Theater Conference would occur June 11-18.

Council Member Devens reminded those listening to have a pleasant and reverent Memorial Day weekend, and to plan to attend the upcoming graduation ceremonies.

Council Member Love offered an early congratulations to all the graduates of 2022.

Council Member Wegner congratulated Ms. Sorum-Birk on her new position. He verified it took two Council Members to add an item to an agenda. Ms. Pierce confirmed. He shared his interest in potentially altering the requirements for the housing incentive to consider allowing retroactive applications.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVI. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVII. ADJOURNMENT