

City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Action Summary

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

City Council

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

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

Excused: 1 - Council Member Todd Wegner

Also Present: 3 - City Clerk Sheri Pierce
 City Manager John Douglas
 Deputy City Clerk Elise Sorum-Birk

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

V. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Appointment to the Beautification Commission- Applicant: Donna Lane**
- 2. Appointment to Regional Citizens' Advisory Council Board of Directors - Applicant: Dorothy Moore**
- 3. Proclamation: Earthquake Remembrance Day**

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Annual Renewal of City/School Health Insurance Benefit Plan for Period Beginning 4/1/2024**

MOTION: Council Member Foster moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to approve the Annual Renewal of City/School Health Insurance Benefit

Plan for Period Beginning 4/1/2024.

Council requested additional information on the history of the plan, and how changes would affect the grandfather clause. Keva Peairs, Account Executive from Parker, Smith, & Feek, provided details on the plan, including how different changes to the plan could affect the grandfather clause, and the purpose behind the separate classification for executives.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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

Absent: 1 - Wegner

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Approval of Amendment to the 2024 Capital Request for Providence Valdez Medical Center to Fund Various Construction Projects

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to approve amendment to the 2024 Capital Request for Providence Valdez Medical Center to fund various construction projects.

Council Member Love asked why a dollar value was not being voted on. Capital Facilities Director Nate Duval explained there was some repurposing of funds in the mix, which was where the vagueness of the number stemmed from.

Council Member Love requested clarification on the jump between the 2023 appropriation and the 2024 updated budget regarding the sterile processing and CT replacement. Director Duval explained what was funded in 2023 was the design portion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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

Absent: 1 - Wegner

MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. ORDINANCES

1. #24-02 - Amending Chapter 10.12 of the Valdez City Code Titled Parking. Second Reading. Adoption.

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to approve Ordinance 24-02 in first reading for public hearing.

Council Member Love agreed with Police Chief Bart Hinkle's desire to decrease vehicles on the street during snow removal. He stated he felt the fine value of \$200 was onerous, and enforcement would be key to sending the desired message. He explained \$80 was approximately one day's take home pay for a citizen making minimum wage and felt it would be a more appropriate amount.

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to change the fee from \$200 to \$80.

VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT

Yays: 4 - Scheidt, Devens, Foster and Love

Nays: 2 – Sorum and Fleming

Absent: 1 - Wegner

MOTION CARRIED.

VOTE ON THE MOTION AS AMENDED

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

Absent: 1 - Wegner

MOTION CARRIED.

2. #24-04 - Amending Chapter 1.08 of the Valdez Municipal Code Titled General Penalty. Second Reading. Adoption.

MOTION: Council Member Foster moved, seconded by Council Member Love, to Approve Ordinance #24-04 at first reading for public hearing.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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

Absent: 1 - Wegner

MOTION CARRIED.

3. #24-05 - Amending Chapter 3.24 of the Valdez Municipal Code Titled Public Accommodation Tax. Second Reading. Adoption.

MOTION: Council Member Foster moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to Approve Ordinance 24-05 Amending Chapter 3.24 of the Valdez Municipal Code Titled Public Accommodation Tax. Second Reading. Adoption.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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

Absent: 1 - Wegner

MOTION CARRIED.

4. #24-06 - Amending Title 6 of the Valdez Municipal Code by Amending Section 6.04.010 Titled Definitions and Section 6.08.020 Titled Running at Large. Second Reading. Adoption.

MOTION: Council Member Foster moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to Approve Ordinance 24-06 in second reading for adoption.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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

5. #24-08 - Amending Chapter 6.20 of the Valdez Municipal Code Titled Rabies. Second Reading. Adoption.

MOTION: Council Member Foster moved, seconded by Council Member Love, to Approve Ordinance 24-08 in second reading for adoption.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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

IX. RESOLUTIONS

1. #24-08 - Authorizing the Submission of a Local Cybersecurity Grant through the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to Develop a Cybersecurity Assessment

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Foster, to Approve Resolution 24-07.

Council Member Love asked how often an assessment should be performed, and when the last assessment had been performed. Matt Osburn, IT Department Director, outlined the process, the benefits of the assessment, and stated the City was overdue for an assessment.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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

X. REPORTS

1. Information Technology Department Annual Report

Director Osburn provided a brief overview of his annual department report included in the agenda packet.

2. Monthly Treasury Report: January 2024

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

1. City Manager Report

City Manager Douglas encouraged those listening to attend the Senior Housing open house. He provided an overview on Council's trip to Washington D.C.

2. City Clerk Report

City Clerk Pierce certified the candidates for the upcoming Regular Municipal Election. She stated the resolution for off leash areas would be brought forth at the next regular meeting, and reviewed the upcoming council calendar, including scheduling a work session on the proposed legislation regarding the keeping of poultry.

3. City Attorney Report

Attorney Staser outlined projects and provided updates on cases his firm is working on for the City, including redistricting, and escaped property.

4. City Mayor Report**XII. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mayor Scheidt and Council Members who had traveled to Washington D.C. provided a review of their trip, highlighting meetings with the US Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, Department of Education, and the Forest Services.

Council Member Foster reminded those listening to participate in Go Blue Day to bring awareness to Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention. She thanked those who assisted with the sterile processing department and high-level disinfectant department renovations. She encouraged the Council to check out the Valdez Police Department's humorous Facebook post on potholes.

Council Member Love provided an update of the Financial Audit, and thanked Comptroller Barb Rusher and Team Accounting for their efforts.

Council Member Fleming reminded staff of upcoming work-related travel.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT**XIV. APPENDIX****1. Legal Billing Summary - February 2024**