

City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

City Council

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fleming called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**III. ROLL CALL**

Present: 7 - Mayor Dennis Fleming
Council Member Austin Love
Council Member Jimmy Devens
Council Member Olivia Foster
Council Member Joseph Lally
Council Member Joy Witte
Council Member Lester Greene

Also Present: 2 - City Manager Nathan Duval
Records Manager and Elections Coordinator Katie Carr

IV. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**VI. CONSENT AGENDA****1. Proclamation: Suicide Prevention Month**

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Lally, to approve the consent agenda.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 7 - Fleming, Love, Devens, Foster, Lally, Witte and Greene
MOTION CARRIED.

VII. NEW BUSINESS**1. Approval of Professional Services Agreement No. 2410 with Bettisworth North Architects and Planners for Child Care Facility Design in the Amount of \$222,351.00**

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to approve the professional services agreement No. 2410 to Bettisworth North Architects and Planners for child care facility design in the amount of \$222,351.00.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 7 - Fleming, Love, Devens, Foster, Lally, Witte and Greene
MOTION CARRIED.

VII. ORDINANCES

1. #25-11 - Authorizing an Amendment to the Zoning Map to Effect a Change to Lot 2, A.S.L.S. 78-139, Plat 98-2 to General Commercial. First Reading. Public Hearing.

MOTION: Council Member Lally moved, seconded by Council Member Witte, to approve Ordinance #25-11 - Authorizing an amendment to the zoning map to effect a change to Lot 2, A.S.L.S. 78-139, Plat 98-2 to General Commercial in first reading for public hearing.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 7 - Fleming, Love, Devens, Foster, Lally, Witte and Greene
MOTION CARRIED.

IX. RESOLUTIONS

1. #25-37 – Approving the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Land Lease ADA-72-348 for Valdez Airport, Supplement No. 2

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Lally, to approve Resolution 25-37.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 7 - Fleming, Love, Devens, Foster, Lally, Witte and Greene
MOTION CARRIED.

2. #25-38 - Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate the Purchase of a 5-Acre Parcel, Known as Lot 2, Mineral Creek Industrial Subdivision (Tract K) from The Port Valdez Company, Inc.

MOTION: Council Member Lally moved, seconded by Council Member Love, to approve Resolution 25-38.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 7 - Fleming, Love, Devens, Foster, Lally, Witte and Greene
MOTION CARRIED.

3. #25-39 - Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the US Department of Transportation Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Requesting \$4,000,000 in Grant Funds and Authorizing up to 25% in Local Matching Grant Funds up to the Amount of \$1,250,000 for the Port of Valdez Improvement Plan

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Witte, to approve Resolution 25-39.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 7 - Fleming, Love, Devens, Foster, Lally, Witte and Greene
MOTION CARRIED.

4. #25-40 - Amending the FY25 City Budget by Accepting an ASPCA Quality of Life Housing Grant in the Amount of \$16,000 for Valdez Animal Shelter Kennel Improvements

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Love, to approve Resolution 25-40.

Council Member Love complimented the Animal Control staff on seeking out and receiving the grant.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 7 - Fleming, Love, Devens, Foster, Lally, Witte and Greene
MOTION CARRIED.

X. REPORTS

1. Law Enforcement Activities Related to Impeding Snow Removal

Council Member Love asked for and received clarification on certain statistics and specific language used in the report.

2. Quarterly Financial Summary Reports June 30, 2025

Council Member Love asked about the unused budget for VMC 3.30 Assessment Assistance and Finance Director Nelson noted that the appropriation of the contract would not reach the \$100,000 threshold and additional funds would be included in carryforward.

Love further inquired about whether the large healthcare claim that occurred early in the year was normal, Nelson noted that it was not unusual.

3. July Treasury Report

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

1. City Manager Report

City Manager Duval responded to questions about the agreement received and timeline for expenditure of the federal discretionary grant to develop a child care facility and highlighted the following items in addition to his written report:

- A barge load of scrap metal was ready to ship, and additional scrap would continue to be gathered for a future barge.
- The grand opening of Nayurluku Park at Meals Hill.
- The upcoming State Parks Conference.
- The upcoming work session to review Council Housing Subcommittee recommendations.
- Dates that he would be out of office.

2. City Clerk Report

Records Manager and Elections Coordinator Katie Carr shared when the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk would return to the office.

3. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Jake Staser gave updates on the following legal matters:

- Ongoing litigation related to escaped property.
- Seeking settlement of the lawsuit related to VMC 3.30.
- Ongoing process for the Valdez Marine Terminal Contingency Plan Renewal.

4. City Mayor Report

Mayor Fleming shared about his meeting with the incoming U.S. Coast Guard Admiral and congratulated the Valdez High School Volleyball Team for a strong start to the season.

XII. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Council Members shared their experiences of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Black Tip rehomeporting ceremony and welcomed the vessel's crew.

Council Member Devens noted that Kodiak was slated to receive additional Coast Guard housing and vessels and encouraged Council to advocate for additional assets in Valdez.

Council Member Lally summarized the meeting with the Admiral and thanked Callan for the Permanent Fund presentation.

Council Member Love noted that he'd been included in a group who tested out mountain bike trails at Meals Hill and praised the quality of the new trails.

Council Member Foster also shared enthusiasm for the new park.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fleming adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce
Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk

