

City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

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: 5 - Mayor Sharon Scheidt
Mayor Pro Tem Alan Sorum
Council Member Olivia Foster
Council Member Susan Love
Council Member Jimmy Devens
Excused: 2 - Council Member Dennis Fleming
Council Member Todd Wegner
Also Present: 5 - City Manager Mark Detter
Assistant City Manager Nathan Duval
City Clerk Sheri Pierce
Deputy City Clerk Elise Sorum-Birk
City Attorney Jake Staser

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of City Council Minutes- March 14, 2023
2. Approval of City Council Minutes- February 21, 2023

V. CORPORATIONS

1. Appointment to Valdez Museum & Historical Archive Board of Directors, Applicant: Jim Shirrell

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Foster, to Recess and Reconvene as the Valdez Museum & Historical Archive Corporation.

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Foster, to approve appointment to the Valdez Museum & Historical Archive Board of Directors, Applicant: Jim Shirrell.

Council Member Love stated it was her understanding the Museum Board had reviewed a bylaw amendment dealing with resolving grievances and may be on an upcoming regular meeting agenda for City Council. She suggested postponing the motion until Council was able to review the amended bylaw.

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Foster, to postpone appointment to the Valdez Museum & Historical Archive Board of Directors, Applicant: Jim Shirrell to the Regular City Council Meeting of April 4th, 2023.

Council Member Devens stated he would support the postponement if during the period of postponement, a written version of the complaint could be requested for the sake of due process.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 5 - Scheidt, Sorum, Foster, Love and Devens

Excused: 2 - Fleming and Wegner

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, to Reconvene as the Valdez City Council.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 5 - Scheidt, Sorum, Foster, Love and Devens

Excused: 2 - Fleming and Wegner

MOTION CARRIED.

VI. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

1. Alaska Blue Economy Mariculture Update, Tommy Sheridan

Mr. Sheridan shared his presentation on the ABEC and City of Valdez activities pertaining to Mariculture development.

2. Valdez Adventure Alliance, Lanette Oliver, Kory Maillet and Robbin Capers

Ms. Oliver, Executive Director, provided a wrap-up presentation on the recent Ice Climbing Festival.

Ms. Capers, Fat Bike Bash Chair, provided a short presentation inviting Council & the community to the Fat Bike Bash.

3. Natural Selection Tour, Travis Rice

Mr. Rice, founder of the Natural Selection Tour, thanked Council for their support of the Natural Selection Tour. He shared his enthusiasm for the upcoming event which would be broadcast worldwide on April 28th. He stated the event itself would be held the end of March, beginning of April, and participants would include 5 Olympians.

VII. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval for Budgeted Travel for Permanent Fund Committee Member Mike Williams to Attend the Callan 2023 National Conference

2. **Acceptance of Resignation Letters from Chris Watson - for Planning & Zoning Commission and Economic Diversification Commission, effective April 3, 2023.**
3. **Approval To Go Into Executive Session Re: Tucker v. City of Valdez litigation strategy.**
4. **Acceptance of Resignation Letter from Patrick Drayer - PVMC Community Advisory Council- Effective June 1, 2023**
5. **Approval of Marijuana License Renewal: DKW Farms LLC**
6. **Approval of Marijuana License Renewal: Herbal Outfitters, LLC**
7. **Proclamation: Vietnam Veterans Day**

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 5 - Scheidt, Sorum, Foster, Love and Devens

Excused: 2 - Fleming and Wegner

MOTION CARRIED.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion Item: City Officials Conflict of Interest Policy**

Mr. Staser facilitated a discussion on the topic of Conflicts of Interest and municipal code provisions on the subject, including outlining the process.

X. RESOLUTIONS

1. **#23-13 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Initial Operating Agreement for Valdez Senior Housing Associates, LLC**

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Foster, to approve Resolution #22-13.

Mr. Detter reviewed the presentation included in the agenda packet.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 5 - Scheidt, Sorum, Foster, Love and Devens

Excused: 2 - Fleming and Wegner

MOTION CARRIED.

XI. REPORTS

1. Quarterly Financial Summary Reports: December 31, 2022**2. Official Candidates - 2023 Regular Municipal Election****XII. CITY MANAGER / CITY CLERK / CITY ATTORNEY / MAYOR REPORTS****1. City Manager's Report March 21, 2023**

Mr. Detter reviewed his report, highlighting the upcoming Council Retreat, and grant opportunities.

2. City Clerk Report

Ms. Pierce updated Council on the upcoming Regular Municipal Election, and on updates on the itinerate vendor process.

3. City Attorney Report

Mr. Staser outlined projects and provided updates on cases his firm is working on behalf of the City, including Alderwood, Alaska Trappers, and the Board of Equalization.

Council Member Sorum requested Staff put out a mailer explaining the State's mechanisms for Property Taxes was. Ms. Pierce encouraged those listening to go to the City's webpage as it contained a thorough explanation of the process. Mayor Scheidt asked for the website to be included on the assessment form.

4. City Mayor Report

Mayor Scheidt shared her enthusiasm for the well-attended zoning meeting. She congratulated the Valdez Snowmachine Club on another successful Mayor's Cup Race.

XIII. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Council Member Devens stated he had been impressed by the public response to the recent Planning & Zoning meeting.

Council Member Foster gave a shout out to the Alaska Children's Trust who recently interviewed a number of parents in Valdez on current child care issues. She updated Council on the Sound Wellness Alliance, and the Preschool Co-Op, and Advocates for Victims of Violence.

Council Member Sorum shared the opportunity to submit written comment on the State House Bill 39 was still available.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XV. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

XVII. APPENDIX

1. Legal Billing Summary - February 2023

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