

City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Thursday, August 14, 2025

6:00 PM

Special Meeting

Council Chambers

Ports and Harbor Commission

REGULAR AGENDA - 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Colleen Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:02pm in the Council Chambers.

II. ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Chair Colleen Stephens
Commission Member Alan Steed
Commission Member Neil "Vince" Kelly
Commission Member Jamie Pierce

Absent 1 - Commission Member Edward Day

Also Present 1 - Ports and Harbors Director Jeremy Talbott
Administrative Assistant Sarah Cox

III. ELECTION OF CHAIR

MOTION: Commission Member Steed moved, seconded by Commission Member Kelly, to approve the election of Commission Member Stephens to Ports and Harbors commission chair. The motion carried by the following vote.

Commission Member Steed nominated Commission Member Stephens.

There being no further discussion, Chair Stephens invited a vote on the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 3 – Commission Member Steed, Commission Member Kelly, and Commission Member Pierce.

MOTION PASSED.

IV. ELECTION OF CHAIR PRO TEMPORE

MOTION: Commission Member Steed moved, seconded by Commission Member Pierce, to approve the election of Commission Member Kelly to Ports and Harbors commission chair pro tempore. The motion carried by the following vote.

Commission Member Steed nominated Commission Member Kelly.

There being no further discussion, Chair Stephens invited a vote on the motion.

Yays: 3 – Chair Stephens, Commission Member Steed, and Commission Member Pierce.

MOTION PASSED.

V. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and Formal Recommendation to the Valdez City Council in support of the Resolution to Rename the Valdez Container Terminal to the Ryan J. Sontag Valdez Container Terminal.

MOTION: Commission Member Kelly moved, seconded by Commission Member Steed, to Commission motion to approve the attached resolution recommending that the Valdez City Council formally rename the Valdez Container Terminal to the "Ryan J. Sontag Valdez Container Terminal", and a recommendation for Valdez City Council adoption. The motion carried by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

Ports and Harbors Director Talbott informed the Commissioners that the Mayor directed our Commission to give a recommendation for approval.

Commission Member Steed asked if any Ports and Harbors Staff have an issue with this change. Ports and Harbors Director Talbott said our staff is for the change.

There being no further discussion, Chair Stephens invited a vote on the motion.

Yays:4 - Chair Stephens, Commission Member Steed, Commission Member Kelly, and Commission Member Pierce.

MOTION PASSED.

2. 2025-2026 Ports & Harbors Commission Goals and Meeting Calendar.

Ports and Harbors Director Talbott directed the commissioners to bring forth their top three priorities in our next discussion of the Ports and Harbors Commission goals, which will be presented to city council.

VII. REPORTS

1. Valdez Ports and Harbors Staff Report

Ports and Harbors Director Talbott updated the commissioners that our departments have been busy this season with operations.

VIII. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no commission business from the floor.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Stephens adjourned the meeting at 6:14pm.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA
PORTS AND HARBOR COMMISSION

Colleen Stephens, Chair

ATTEST:

Sarah Cox, Harbor Administrative Assistant