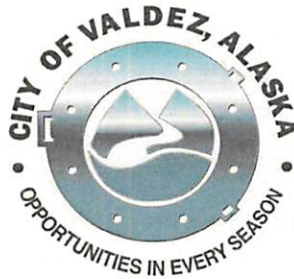


# City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.  
Valdez, AK 99686



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting (Moved from 5/3 due to municipal election)

Council Chambers

City Council

**REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Present: 7 - Mayor Sharon Scheidt  
Mayor Pro Tem Alan Sorum  
Council Member Dennis Fleming  
Council Member Dawson Moore  
Council Member Susan Love  
Council Member Jimmy Devens  
Council Member Todd Wegner

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

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Regular Meeting Minutes - April 19, 2022**

**V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

**1. Lanette Oliver, Valdez Adventure Alliance - Fatbike Bash Event**

Mr. Pete Carter and Ms. Oliver updated Council on the Fatbike Bash event and shared a video highlighting the event.

**VI. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Proclamation: National Police Week May 15-21**

**2. Proclamation: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day**

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

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

Yays: 7 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member

Devens and Council Member Wegner  
MOTION CARRIED

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Certification of Election Results for the May 3, 2022, Regular Municipal Election**

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Wegner, to certify the election results for the May 3, 2022, Regular Municipal Election.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 7 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

MOTION CARRIED

### **2. Approval to Suspend Phase II of the City of Valdez Solid Waste Management Plan**

MOTION: Council Member Wegner moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to approve suspension of Phase II of the City of Valdez Solid Waste Management Plan.

Council recognized the effort put into the program by Staff and the community.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 7 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

MOTION CARRIED

### **3. Approval of Contract with Bezek-Durst-Seiser, Inc., for the HHES Roofs, Doors & Siding Design in the Amount of \$646,756.00**

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Wegner, to approve the Contract with Bezek-Durst-Seiser, Inc., for the HHES Roofs, Doors & Siding Design in the amount of \$646,756.00.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 7 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

MOTION CARRIED

### **4. Approval of Contract with Bezek-Durst-Seiser, Inc., for the Valdez Schools**

**Condition Survey in the Amount of \$140,163.00**

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to approve Contract with Bezek-Durst-Seiser, Inc., for the Valdez Schools Condition Survey in the amount of \$140,163.00.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

Yays: 7 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with CRW Engineering Group, LLC for VCT Water Main Replacement Design in the Amount of \$330,007.00**

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Wegner, to approve the Professional Services Agreement with CRW Engineering Group, LLC for VCT Water Main Replacement Design in the Amount of \$330,007.00.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

Yays: 7 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Approval of Contract with Wolverine Summit JV for the Departmental Storage Facility (FS1) Renovation project in the Amount of \$752,000.00**

MOTION: Council Member Wegner moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to approve the contract award to Wolverine Summit JV for the Departmental Storage Facility (FS1) Renovation project in the amount of \$752,000.00.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

Yays: 7 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with New Horizons Telecom, Inc. for the Public Safety Radio Infrastructure Upgrades Design in the Amount of \$178,203.80**

MOTION: Council Member Wegner moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, to approve professional services agreement with New Horizons Telecom, Inc. for

the Public Safety Radio Infrastructure Upgrades Design in the Amount of \$178,203.80.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

Yays: 7 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

**MOTION CARRIED**

**IX. ORDINANCES**

**1. #22-05 - Amending Chapter 2.12, Section 2.12.030, Titled Deputy City Clerk Appointment. Second Reading. Adoption.**

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to approve Ordinance #22-05.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

Yays: 7 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2. #22-06 - Amending Chapter 3.12, Section 3.12.040 Relating to Residential Property Tax Exemption. First Reading. Public Hearing.**

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to postpone Ordinance #22-06 indefinitely.

Staff recommended postponing the Ordinance indefinitely to allow time for Staff to adjust the language further to provide Council increased flexibility to adjust the exemption in the event State Statute changed. Staff noted adjustments of this nature may need ratified by the voters during a Special Election.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

Yays: 7 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

**MOTION CARRIED**

**X. RESOLUTIONS**

**1. #22-28 - Authorizing a Lease with Alaska Guide Company, LLC for 2581 Richardson Highway, a Portion of USS 439 Owned by the City of Valdez**

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Wegner, to Approve Resolution #22-28.

## VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 7 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

MOTION CARRIED

**2. #22-29 - Authorizing the Negotiated Sale of 1.89 Acres within the Valdez Medical Park Subdivision Senior Addition to Valdez Senior Housing Associates, LLC.**

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to Approve Resolution #22-29.

## VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 7 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

MOTION CARRIED

**3. #22-30 - Amending the 2022 City Budget by Transferring \$800,000 from Unassigned General Fund Balance to the Local Utility Inflation Assistance Program, and Authorizing Expenditure Therefrom**

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Love, to Approve Resolution #22-30.

## VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 7 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

MOTION CARRIED

**4. #22-31 - Establishing the 2022 Rate of Real Property Tax and Designating the Number of Mills for each Dollar of Real Property to be Levied for Municipal and School Purposes**

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to Approve Resolution #22-31.

Council discussed the potential effects of lowering the Mill Rate and agreed it would need further conversation before considering an adjustment, and may not be a realistic solution due to the Municipality's tax structure.

## VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 7 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member

Devens and Council Member Wegner  
MOTION CARRIED

**5. #22-32 - Establishing Non Profit/Government Rates and Fees for Recreation Facility Rentals**

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to Approve Resolution #22-32.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

Yays: 7 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Fleming, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

MOTION CARRIED

**XI. REPORTS**

**1. Treasury Report: February, 2022**

**XII. CITY MANAGER / CITY CLERK / CITY ATTORNEY / MAYOR REPORTS**

**1. City Manager Report**

**1. City Manager's Report**

Mr. Detter highlighted the upcoming cruise ship schedule, State Legislative issues, Sewer Force Main, and Covid-19.

**2. City Clerk Report**

Ms. Pierce requested Council volunteers to serve on the All-America City Scholarship Committee. Council members Fleming, Moore, and Devens volunteered.

Ms. Pierce updated Council on the Deputy Clerk interview process, and Boards & Commissions vacancies.

**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, working with the Planning Department on lease & permit applications, the Boards & Commissions Code of Ethics language, and the appeals process.

**4. City Mayor Report**

Mayor Scheidt welcomed Ms. Ana Hinkle into her new position as the

Communications Director. She congratulated those graduating High School and Prince William Sound College, including seven students graduating from both schools.

### XIII. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Council Member Devens thanked the Election Officials and volunteers for their efforts. He shared his gratitude in the speed the Senior Housing was moving forward. He encouraged looking into density housing to help with the housing crisis.

Council Member Love thanked the Clerk's Office for another successful election.

Council Member Fleming congratulated Council Member Sorum on his reelection. He stated during recent travel across the state he had had the opportunity to meet with many community leaders to discuss the housing issue.

Council Member Sorum congratulated Council Member Fleming on his reelection. He updated Council on the upcoming RCAC in person Port Meeting.

Council Member Moore congratulated the incumbents on their reelection and thanked all those who ran for office. He congratulated the residents of Robe River in making their voices heard and working with Council to retain their dumpsters.

### XIV. ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

  
Sharon Scheidt, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk

