

City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting
Council Chambers

City Council

WORK SESSION AGENDA - 6:00 pm

1. Valdez Fire Department and EMS Operations Report

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: 6 - Mayor Dennis Fleming
Council Member Alan Sorum
Council Member Jimmy Devens
Council Member Joseph Lally
Council Member Olivia Foster
Council Member Scheidt

Absent: 1 - Council Member Austin Love

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of City Council Minutes from July 2, 2024

V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

1. Valdez Adventure Alliance (VAA)

Pete Carter, VAA President, and Lynette Oliver, VAA Executive Director, provided an update to Council on their programs.

2. T3 Alliance (Adam Low) and Mariculture Update (Tommy Sheridan)

Adam Low introduced the T3 Alliance and students involved in the program.

Tommy Sheridan reviewed his report on mariculture.

3. Valdez Senior Housing

Shawne Mastrodoni provided an update on the senior housing complex.

VI. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Appointments to Ports and Harbors Commission - Applicants: Colleen Stephens and Ed Day**
2. **Approval to Go Into Executive Session: Escaped Property Litigation Strategy**

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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

Absent: 1 - Love

MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion Item: 2024 Economic Strategic Plan**

Colleen Stephens and Martha Barberio, Economic Diversification Commission, introduced and reviewed the proposed plan.

Council agreed their priorities aligned with those presented and shared their support of development of the Economic Strategic Plan.

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

1. **City Manager Report**

Assistant City Manager Bart Hinkle noted that a project update would be provided at the next upcoming regular meeting.

2. **City Clerk Report**

City Clerk Sheri Pierce reviewed the upcoming council calendar.

3. **City Attorney Report**

City Attorney Jack Wakeland provided updates on cases his firm is working on for the City, including escaped property, Alaska Trappers, and Alderwood.

4. **City Mayor Report**

Mayor Fleming requested staff investigate ways to ease the burden of the transition to city water on Alderwood residents. He noted information on the potential

unionization of the fire department would be forthcoming.

X. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Council Member Sorum requested an update on efforts around childcare at the next meeting. Deputy Clerk Sorum-Birk provided a brief update.

Council Member Devens reminded those listening to attend the upcoming Gold Rush Festival and encourage the public to volunteer if they were interested in contributing.

Council Member Foster provided an update on the container terminal. She noted a large uptick of respiratory disease in the community.

Council Member Lally thanked those who presented during the meeting.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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