

City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting - Note date change due to City Council legislative
travel
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 Olivia Foster
Council Member Susan Love
Council Member Jimmy Devens
Council Member Todd Wegner

Also Present: 3 - City Manager Mark Detter
Assistant City Manager Nathan Duval
Deputy City Clerk Elise Sorum-Birk

IV. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proclamation: Earthquake Remembrance Day

**2. Appointment to Regional Citizens' Advisory Council Board of Directors
(Applicant: Amanda Bauer)**

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

Mr. Lon Rake of the Pioneers of Alaska, thanked Council for their proclamation and encouraged those listening to attend the upcoming Earthquake Memorial on Monday, March 27th at the Kelsey Dock, followed by a reception in the Valdez Museum Old Town Exhibit.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 7 - Scheidt, Sorum, Fleming, Foster, Love, Devens and Wegner
MOTION CARRIED.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

**1. Annual Renewal of City/School Health Insurance Benefit Plan for Period
Beginning 4/1/2023**

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Foster, to approve the Annual Renewal of City/School Health Insurance Benefit Plan

for Period Beginning 4/1/2023.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 7 - Scheidt, Sorum, Fleming, Foster, Love, Devens and Wegner
MOTION CARRIED.

2. Approval of Contract with Wolverine Summit JV for Senior Center and Civic Center Controls Systems Upgrades in the Amount of \$1,244,000.00

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Foster, to approve Contract with Wolverine Summit JV for Senior Center and Civic Center Controls Systems Upgrades in the Amount of \$1,244,000.00.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 7 - Scheidt, Sorum, Fleming, Foster, Love, Devens and Wegner
MOTION CARRIED.

VII. RESOLUTIONS

1. #23-08 - Amending the 2023 City Budget by Transferring \$14,227 from Reserve Funds to General Fund for Previously Unbudgeted Prince William Sound College Dual-Credit Program Costs

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to approve Resolution #23-08.

Council Member Love recused herself due to her employment. Council agreed.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 6 - Scheidt, Sorum, Fleming, Foster, Devens and Wegner
Recused: 1 - Love
MOTION CARRIED.

2. #23-09 - Authorizing the Valdez Fire Department to Submit an Application for the FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant

MOTION: Council Member Fleming moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to approve Resolution #23-09.

Council expressed concern over not having a plan to retain the requested full time employees after the 3-year grant period ended.

Council requested staff schedule a work session to review current staffing.

Mr. Joe Prax, Valdez Resident, thanked Council for their long-term thinking.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 1 - Devens

Nays: 6 - Scheidt, Sorum, Fleming, Foster, Love and Wegner

MOTION FAILED.

3. #23-10 - Approval to Waive Landfill Fees for Valdez Fisheries Development Association in an Amount Not to Exceed \$10,000

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to approve Resolution #23-10.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 7 - Scheidt, Sorum, Fleming, Foster, Love, Devens and Wegner

MOTION CARRIED.

4. #23-11 - Amending the 2023 City Budget by Transferring \$17,500 from Major Equipment to Fire/EMS Office/Capital Expense for the Citywide Public Access AED Program

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Love, to approve Resolution #23-11.

Council Member Wegner asked who would be responsible for batteries for the machines, and who would be checking them to verify they work. Mr. Jordan Nelson, Finance Director, stated the Fire Department had agreed to maintain the machines.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 7 - Scheidt, Sorum, Fleming, Foster, Love, Devens and Wegner

MOTION CARRIED.

5. #23-12 - Amending the 2023 City Budget by Appropriating \$2.8M of Excess Funds Carried Forward from 2022, by Re-Allocating \$4.3M from Previously Approved Capital and Major Maintenance Projects, by Transferring \$4.2M from Permanent Fund Reserve, by Appropriating \$2.2M from Unrestricted General Fund Balance, and by Appropriating \$13.5M to Council-Approved Capital and Major Maintenance Projects

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Love, to approve Resolution #23-12.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 7 - Scheidt, Sorum, Fleming, Foster, Love, Devens and Wegner

MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. REPORTS

- 1. Change Order Report: Change Order #5 with Wolverine Summit JV for the Library Restrooms Renovations Project**
- 2. Monthly Treasury Report; January, 2023**
- 3. Report: Approval of Temporary Land Use Permit 23-02 for 907 Snowcat, LLC for 2 Months, for an Approximately 2,200 Square Foot Portion of 3001 Richardson Highway, Tract F, ASLS 79-116 owned by the City of Valdez**
- 4. Report: Temporary Land Use Permit 23-01 for the Valdez Adventure Alliance for An Approximately 6,000 Square Foot Portion of 1500 Valdez Glacier Road, Tract A, ASLS 79-116 owned by the City of Valdez**

VIII. CITY MANAGER / CITY CLERK / CITY ATTORNEY / MAYOR REPORTS**1. City Manager Report****1. City Manager's Report March 14, 2022**

Mr. Detter reviewed his report included in the agenda packet, highlighting the recent trip to Juneau, and meeting with the Coast Guard Fellow from Senator Sullivan's Office.

2. City Clerk Report

Ms. Sorum-Birk provided an update to Council on the upcoming Regular Municipal Election.

3. City Attorney Report

Mr. Wakeland provided updates on cases his firm is working on behalf of the City, including

4. City Mayor Report

Mayor Scheidt encouraged those listening to attend the upcoming Mayor's Cup. She reviewed her recent trip to Juneau, highlighting topics such as housing and daycare.

IX. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Council Members shared highlights from their recent trip to Juneau to meet with the Legislators.

Council Member Devens encouraged those listening to attend the upcoming Earthquake Memorial on Monday, March 27th at the Kelsey Dock.

Council Member Foster encouraged those listening to attend the upcoming Preschool Co-Op Fundraiser and the S.W.A.N. Talks.

Council Member Love thanked the Deputy City Clerk for her assistance in Juneau, and thanked the Clerk's Office for their efforts during the Tax Appeals Process.

Council Member Wegner welcomed his new grandson, Hase Braxton. He noted if a special election were to occur, he would like to see wording regarding the Permanent Fund be changed from "Shall" to "May".

Council Member Fleming congratulated both the Valdez Boys' and Girls' Varsity Basketball Teams on making it to the State Championships.

Council Member Sorum expressed an interest in seeing changes to State Code regarding Property Taxes be added to Council's Legislative Priorities in the future.

X. ADJOURNMENT