



City Manager Report

April 15, 2025

Last report: 3/18/25 by City Manager Douglas: appointed Interim City Manager 3/28

The primary focus from the City Manager position has been to maintain City operations and provide stability and continuity during the pre-defined Interim time period. That has included attending previously scheduled meetings and maintaining relationships with key stakeholders (Valdez City Schools, Altman Rogers & Co., State Director for Senator Lisa Murkowski, Capitol Hill Consulting Group, to name a few).

It was deemed most advantageous and transparent to appoint an Assistant City Manager, as well as an Acting Chief of Police, during the Interim time period. Effective 3.31.2025, Nate Duval accepted the position of Assistant City Manager (in addition to retaining his duties as Capital Facilities Director) and Kalin King accepted the position of Acting Chief of Police.

The application period for Communications Manager has closed. With the transition to an incoming City Manager, and with how closely those two positions work together, the hiring process has temporarily paused. Applicants have been notified and the process will continue once a decision regarding City Manager has been made.

Both City staff and elected officials traveled to Washington, D.C, for a Legislative Fly-In. By all accounts it was a successful visit. A comprehensive recap of the various meetings is being compiled and worked on so that City staff can identify and prioritize action items and work towards moving them forward. A big thank you to Capitol Hill Consulting Group, not only for their efforts in arranging the meetings, but for their hospitality as well as the exhaustive summary of the trip itself. Would also like to recognize and thank the City Staff and Councilmembers that traveled and lobbied on behalf of the City of Valdez. Your dedication and commitment is appreciated.

Along those same lines, multiple Directors are currently attending (or have recently attended) national conferences specific and vital to their areas of operations and expertise.

On 4.8 a large contingent of the City of Valdez Incident Management Team, and a number of local stakeholders, attended a virtual informational meeting regarding the Mt. Spurr volcano situation. The City of Valdez, led by the Emergency Manager, continues to closely monitor the situation and prepare accordingly. On 4.10 the 6th grade classes participated in Visit the Mayor. Thank you to Valdez City Schools personnel, as well as the City Clerk and staff for putting together the event and allowing the City Manager to bring forward a mock resolution for consideration.

Upcoming events: VHS College & Career Fair (April 16th and 17th); Senator Murkowski roundtable (April 17th)

