

City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting
Council Chambers

City Council

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Dennis Fleming
Council Member Joseph Lally
Council Member Olivia Foster
Council Member Jimmy Devens
Council Member Alan Sorum

Excused: 1 - Council Member Austin Love

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

One vacancy on Council due to election of Mayor Fleming.

IV. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proclamation: Juneteenth Day

2. Approval To Go Into Executive Session RE: Escaped Property Litigation Strategy

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

Vote on the Motion

Yays: 5 - Fleming, Lally, Foster, Devens and Sorum

Absent: 1 - Love

Vacant: 1

Motion Carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Vacant City Council Seat

MOTION: Council Member Foster moved, seconded by Council Member Sorum, to review and consider submissions and vote to appoint one of the applicants to fill the vacancy.

Council Member Lally recused himself from the vote citing that he was a direct supervisor of one applicant.

MOTION: Council Member Foster moved, seconded by Council Member Sorum, to postpone to the next regular City Council meeting.

Vote on the Motion

Yays: 5 - Fleming, Lally, Foster, Devens and Sorum

Absent: 1 - Love

Vacant: 1

Motion Carried.

VII. ORDINANCES

- 1. #24-10 - Authorizing an Amendment to the Zoning Map to Effect a Change to Lot 6 of Block 1, Lots 1 and 2 of Block 2, Lot 1 of Block 7, Lot 1 of Block 8, and Lot 1 of Block 9, of Corbin Creek Subdivision, Plats 99-24 and 2000-11 to Rural Residential. Second Reading. Adoption.**

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Foster, to approve Ordinance 24-10 in second reading for adoption.

Vote on the Motion

Yays: 5 - Fleming, Lally, Foster, Devens and Sorum

Absent: 1 - Love

Vacant: 1

Motion Carried.

VIII. REPORTS

- 1. Monthly Treasury Report: March 2024**

- 2. Monthly Treasury Report: April 2024**

- 3. Report - GFOA Distinguished Budget Award**

Council commended the Finance Department staff and Finance Director for receiving the award multiple years in a row.

- 4. Quarterly Financial Summary Reports: March 31, 2024**

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

- 1. City Manager Report**

City Manager John Douglas thanked those involved in the Memorial Day weekend activities and invited those listening to the "Touch-A-Truck" activity the upcoming weekend. He reviewed the upcoming August Legislative Reception. Capital Facilities

Director Nate Duval reviewed the recent site visit by the contractor involved in creating a childcare facility.

2. City Clerk Report

City Clerk Sheri Pierce reviewed the upcoming council calendar, highlighting the strategic planning session.

3. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Jake Staser provided updates on cases his firm is working on behalf of the City, including escaped property.

4. City Mayor Report

Mayor Fleming complimented those involved in the Memorial Day Picnic. He shared his experience with the recent AlaskEx 2024 Drill, and thanked Officer Baczuk for his organizational leadership. He expressed his appreciate for those involved in the Community Clean Up Day.

X. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Council Member Sorum stated he had also heard great things about the AlaskEx Drill and shared his experience with the Tsunami Workshop hosted collaboratively by the city and the Prince William Sound Regional Citizen's Advisory Council.

Council Member Devens shared his experience with the National Trails Day rehabilitation event. He requested staff look into any aid which the city could provide in the grooming of public trails, noting a one-time drop off of gravel alone would be a boon to the efforts.

Council Member Foster gave a shout out to all the partners who participated in the Bike Rodeo. She shared her experience with the AlaskEx Drill from the Providence Valdez Medical Center perspective and thanked those involved in it and the Memorial Day Picnic and Clean Up Day as well.

Council Member Lally thanked the city for the Memorial Day event and those who contributed to the event. He thanked those involved in the AlaskEx Drill and Tsunami Drill.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

XIV. APPENDIX

1. June 2024 City Council Calendar

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