

City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 2, 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 Sharon Scheidt
Mayor Pro Tem Alan Sorum
Council Member Todd Wegner
Council Member Jimmy Devens
Council Member Olivia Foster**

**Excused: 2 - Council Member Dennis Fleming
Council Member Austin Love**

**Also Present: City Clerk Sheri Pierce
City Manager John Douglas
City Attorney Jack Wakeland
Assistant City Manager Nate Duval
Deputy City Clerk Elise Sorum-Birk**

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes - November 21, 2023**
- 2. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes - December 12, 2023**

Minutes were approved by consent.

V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

1. Jack Victory and Eric Kros, Capitol Hill Consulting Group

Victory and Kros provided a summary of items his group was working on behalf of the City, including:

- Coast Guard Cutter
- Childcare Crisis
- Appropriations Requests
- Secure Rural Schools

City Clerk Pierce clarified March 11th - 15th would be the best time for Council to visit Washington DC. Victory confirmed it would be.

City Manager Douglas requested the Council review the draft Federal Legislative

Priorities included in the agenda packet and provide feedback.

VI. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Appointments to VMHA Board of Directors - Applicants: Martha Barberio and Gary Minish

MOTION: Sorum moved, seconded by Devens, to approve all items on the consent agenda.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 5 - Scheidt, Sorum, Wegner, Devens and Foster
MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. #23-68 - Approving Port Valdez Company Memorial Art Installation at Meals Hill

MOTION: Sorum moved, seconded by Devens, to postpone Resolution #23-68 approving Port Valdez Company Memorial Art Installation at Meals Hill to the next regular meeting of January 16, 2024.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 5 - Scheidt, Sorum, Wegner, Devens and Foster
MOTION CARRIED.

2. #23-75 - Naming Rates and Fees for Use of Facilities in the Valdez Harbors and Repealing Resolution No. 23-19 Formerly Naming Such Rates and Fees

MOTION: Foster moved, seconded by Wegner, to approve Resolution # 23-75 Naming Rates and Fees for Use of Facilities in the Valdez Harbors and Repealing Resolution No. 23-19 Formerly Naming Such Rates and Fees.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 5 - Scheidt, Sorum, Wegner, Devens and Foster
MOTION CARRIED.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Change Order #4 for the Valdez Civic and Senior Center Controls Upgrades Project in the amount of \$114,262.28

MOTION: Wegner moved, seconded by Foster, to approve Change Order #4 for the Valdez Civic and Senior Center Controls Upgrades Project in the Amount of \$114,262.28.

Council Member Foster asked why the cost had not been included in the initial proposal. Capital Facilities Director Duval stated it had been an oversight to not include it in the original scope of work.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 5 - Scheidt, Sorum, Wegner, Devens and Foster
MOTION CARRIED.

1. #24-01 - Authorizing the Submission of a RAISE Grant Application to US Department of Transportation to Assist with Pavement Management Plan Implementation

MOTION: Devens moved, seconded by Foster, to approve Resolution #24-01 Authorizing the Submission of a RAISE Grant Application to US Department of Transportation to Assist with Pavement Management Plan Implementation.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 5 - Scheidt, Sorum, Wegner, Devens and Foster
MOTION CARRIED.

X. REPORTS

- 1. Title 17 Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing Notice**
- 2. Monthly Treasury Report October**

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

1. City Manager Report

a. City Manager Report: 2023 PWSEDD Resolutions for City Council Review

City Manager Douglas noted he had accepted the position of treasurer with the Prince William Sound Economic Development District and had included the group's 2023 resolutions in the agenda packet. He stated the District was looking for a new project to consider and asked if Council had any ideas on where they could focus their energies. He stated the fishing industry was one area of consideration. Council Member Foster expressed a desire for the District to partner with the City on the Childcare Crisis.

2. City Clerk Report

City Clerk Pierce reminded the Council of the upcoming City Clerk evaluation.

3. City Attorney Report

Attorney Wakeland provided updates on cases his firm is working on for the City, including escaped property.

4. City Mayor Report

XIII. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Council Member Foster thanked Marcie Robertson, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, for her team's efforts to maintain the local trails during the winter season.

Council Member Sorum shared his enthusiasm for the draft report put together by the Child Care Crisis Task Force.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

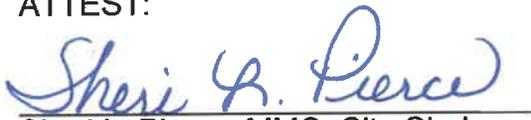
XV. APPENDIX

1. January 2024 City Council Calendar

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA


Sharon Scheidt, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk



