

# City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.  
Valdez, AK 99686



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

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: 6 - Mayor Sharon Scheidt  
Mayor Pro Tem Alan Sorum  
Council Member Dawson Moore  
Council Member Susan Love  
Council Member Jimmy Devens  
Council Member Todd Wegner

Excused: 1 - Council Member Dennis Fleming

Also Present: 5 - City Manager Mark Detter  
Assistant City Manager Nathan Duval  
City Clerk Sheri Pierce  
Records Manager Shelley McMillen  
City Attorney Jake Staser

### **IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

1. Lanette Oliver - Fat Bike Bash Event

### **V. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mr. Stu Hirsch, Valdez resident, spoke on the dumpsters in the Robe River Subdivision, suggesting the development of snow lots in the summer into a more efficient dumpster location with proper lighting and signage.

Robert Dunning, Connecting Ties, thanked Council for their donation which enabled Connecting Ties to purchase a new house to use as a group home for the vulnerable in the community.

Mr. David Tousignant, Valdez resident, agreed with Mr. Hirsch's suggestion in transforming a snow lot into a proper dumpster location for the Robe River Subdivision. Mr. Tousignant requested Council look into his concern over City employees transporting spouses in City owned vehicles while on the clock.

Mr. Matt Craig, Valdez Little League, requested assistance in clearing the softball fields for the early May start of the Little League season. Mayor Scheidt suggested he contact the City Manager to discuss options.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Proclamation: Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month**
- 2. Proclamation: Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month**

Ms. Rowena Palomar, Advocates for Victims of Violence, thanked Council for taking child abuse, and sexual assault seriously and spoke on the importance of bringing attention to these topics.

- 3. Acceptance of Resignation from City Library Board (Bart Hinkle)**
- 4. Acceptance of Late File Application for 2022 Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption - Robert Zastrow**
- 5. Approval To Go Into Executive Session: Redistricting Litigation**
- 6. Approval of Transfer of Liquor License - Stricky's Bar and Grill**

MOTION: Council Member Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Love, to approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 5 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

Excused: 2 - Council Member Fleming and Council Member Moore  
MOTION CARRIED.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Approval of Amendments to City Council Policies and Procedures**

MAIN MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Sorum, to approve as amended.

MOTION TO AMEND: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to amend section G Code of Conduct by striking section 5 and amending it to say "not engage in any prohibited acts as set forth in Chapter 2.24 Code of Ethics of the Valdez Municipal Code".

VOTE ON THE MOTION TO AMEND:

Yays: 5 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

Excused: 2 - Council Member Fleming and Council Member Moore  
MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO AMEND: Council Member Wegner moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to amend Section G Number 3 Code of Conduct to strike "accept and support" and replace it with "accept and respect".

VOTE ON THE MOTION TO AMEND:

Yays: 5 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner  
Excused: 2 - Council Member Fleming and Council Member Moore  
MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Patty Relay, Valdez Museum & Historical Archive Director, shared her support for the addition of the Code of Conduct and the protection it would provide those in her position. She expressed the importance of the addition to her personally. She stated people should feel safe at their job.

Ms. Pierce stated she and Mr. Staser would review the Code of Ethics section of the Valdez Municipal Code to include language addressing sexual harassment.

Ms. Pierce asked if the amendment passed, if there would be any objection to allowing Council Member Moore to participate fully in the rest of the meeting. Council did not object.

VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

Yays: 5 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner  
Excused: 2 - Council Member Fleming and Council Member Moore  
MAIN MOTION CARRIED.

## **VIII. ORDINANCES**

### **1. #22-02 - Amending Chapter 2.80, Section 2.80.075, Titled Open Market Purchases/Procurement. Second Reading. Adoption.**

MOTION: Council Member Wegner moved, seconded by Council Member Love, to approve Ordinance #22-02 on second reading and adoption.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner  
Excused: 1 - Council Member Fleming  
MOTION CARRIED.

### **2. #22-03 - Amending the Zoning Map to Effect a Change to Lot 5A, Block 4, Corbin Creek Subdivision Phase IV, Plat 2013-3 to Single-Family Residential and a change to Lot 1A, Block 11, Corbin Creek Subdivision**

**Phase III, Plat 2014-1 and Lot 8A, Block 11, Corbin Creek Subdivision  
Phase III, Plat 2014-2 to Semi-Rural Residential. Second Reading.  
Adoption.**

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to approve Ordinance #22-03 on first reading and public hearing.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:**

Yays: 6 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

Excused: 1 - Council Member Fleming

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. #22-04 - Amending the Zoning Map to Effect a Change to Tract 1, Block 7, Corbin Creek Subdivision Phase II, Plat 2000-11 to Semi-Rural Residential. Second Reading. Adoption.**

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Wegner, to approve Ordinance #22-04 on first reading and public hearing.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:**

Yays: 6 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

Excused: 1 - Council Member Fleming

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**IX. RESOLUTIONS**

**1. #22-19 - Supporting Valdez Fisheries Development Association in a Non-Federal Cost Share of \$393,750 to Partner with the US Army Corps of Engineers Alaska District to Fund Robe Lake Feasibility Study**

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Wegner, to approve Resolution #22-19.

Mr. Mike Wells, Valdez Fisheries Development Association, reviewed the Robe Lake presentation included in the agenda packet.

Council Member Love asked who determined the net environmental benefit. Mr. Wells stated to his understanding, during the feasibility study resource agencies would help determine what the benefit was.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:**

Yays: 6 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and

Council Member Wegner

Excused: 1 - Council Member Fleming  
MOTION CARRIED.

2. **#22-20 - Amending the 2022 City Budget by Accepting Unbudgeted Revenues of \$91,250 from Valdez Fisheries Development Association, Inc. for the Robe Lake Habitat Restoration Feasibility Study; by Authorizing New Appropriations for Same and by Transferring \$393,250 from Project Contingency for Robe Lake Habitat Restoration Feasibility Study**

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Love, to approve Resolution #22-20.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Moore, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

Excused: 1 - Council Member Fleming  
MOTION CARRIED.

## **X. REPORTS**

1. **Procurement Report: Professional Services Agreement with Orion Construction, Inc. for East Hanagita Roadway and Utility Improvements - CM/GC**
2. **Report: Management of Mineral Creek Trails on State of Alaska Lands**

Council Member Love asked for additional information on the timeline of the process. Mr. Paul Nylund, Senior Planner for the City of Valdez, stated it was his understanding the State would begin the process within a few months.

Council Member Wegner asked if there was any support needed from the school district. Mr. Nylund stated he encouraged participation in the public comment portion of the process when it opened.

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

1. **City Manager Report**

### **1. City Manager's Report 4-5-2022**

Mr. Detter reviewed the City Manager's report included in the agenda packet, highlighting the sewer force main bond proposition, the senior housing project, and the Director's Retreat.

**2. City Clerk Report**

Ms. Pierce updated Council on elections, the Deputy Clerk vacancy, and the Board of Equalization.

**3. City Attorney Report**

Mr. Staser outlined projects and provided updates on cases his firm is working on behalf of the City, including escaped property, the Valdez Marine Terminal, and redistricting.

**4. City Mayor Report**

Mayor Scheidt updated Council on events she participated in, including the Mayor's Cup, and the Earthquake Remembrance Ceremony. She gave a shout-out to Alyeska Pipeline's Director of Operations Klint VanWingerden on placing third in the Veterans Class and donating his winnings to the Valdez Food Bank.

Mayor Scheidt outlined her meeting with Mr. Dan O'Connor, Prince William Sound College, and their discussion on early childhood education training programs.

Mayor Scheidt thanked Ms. Relay for her input and effort to make things better for the boards and commission in terms of conduct.

Mayor Scheidt congratulated the Valdez Buccaneers on their excellent work at the State Tournament.

Mayor Scheidt welcomed Anna Hinkle to the team in her new role as Director of Communications.

Mayor Scheidt thanked outgoing Parks & Recreations Director Nick Farline for his work with the community and wished him well in his future endeavors.

**XII. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Council Member Moore thanked Council for voting to allow participation long distance. He thanked AVV for their presentation and hoped those listening would be able to attend the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event.

Council Member Devens highlighted the importance of the proclamations passed regarding sexual assault and child abuse.

Council Member Love thanked AVV for the work they do for the community. She thanked Mr. Farline for his service to Valdez.

Council Member Wegner thanked AVV for visiting the schools and providing excellent material for the students. He encouraged the men listening to participate in the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event.

Council Member Sorum expressed his condolences for the passing of Congressman Don Young. He thanked the Finance Department for letting him know the annual audit had begun.

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**XIV. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

**XVII. APPENDIX**

- 1. Upcoming City Boards & Commissions Vacancies**
- 2. City Council Calendars - April & May 2022**