

City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

City Council

WORK SESSION AGENDA - 6:00 pm

1. 2023 Projects Funding Strategy

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: 5 - City Manager Mark Detter
Assistant City Manager Nathan Duval
City Clerk Sheri Pierce
Deputy City Clerk Elise Sorum-Birk
City Attorney Jake Staser

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of City Council Minutes- February 8, 2023

V. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Todd Linley, Anchorage Resident, spoke on the Alaska Grand Juror's Association specific to Alaska Supreme Court Order 1993.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Senior Citizen Hardship Property Tax Exemption for Barbara Ezell**
- 2. Acceptance of Late File Application for 2023 Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption - Donald Disney**
- 3. Approval To Go Into Executive Session Re: Alderwood, LLC v. City of Valdez Litigation**
- 4. Approval of Liquor License Renewal: BPO Elks Lodge #2537**

5. Approval of Liquor License Renewal: Valdez Brewing LLC

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

Council Member Devens requested the Approval of 2023 Community Purpose Property Tax Exemption Applications be moved to New Business.

MOTION: Council Member Fleming moved, seconded by Council Member Love, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

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

VII. New Business

1. Approval of 2023 Community Purpose Property Tax Exemption Applications

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to Approve 2023 Community Purpose Property Tax Exemption Applications.

Council Member Devens requested to be recused due to his employment. Council agreed he did not need to be recused.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

1. #23-06 - Authorizing Lease Amendment #1 to the Lease Agreement with the Valdez Medical Clinic, LLC for a 4,137 Square Foot Portion of the Mary Kevin Gilson Medical Center

MOTION: Council Member Fleming moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to Approve Resolution #23-06.

Council Member Love asked if a change in ownership of the LLC would trigger a review of the program. Mr. Staser stated in the resolution, section 3 contemplated circumstances where there would be subletting or assignment, which would require approval of the City.

Council Member Wegner requested clarification on the rate. Mr. Detter and Mr. Duval outlined recent adjustments.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

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

2. #23-07- Establishing the Valdez Child Care Crisis Task Force

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to approve Resolution #23-07.

Council Member Wegner expressed concern over a task force getting in the way of the 0-3 with Families group.

Ms. Pierce clarified that in it's current for the resolution had been altered to add a member from the Valdez Native Tribe, bringing the total task force members to 9.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

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

IX. REPORTS**1. Verbal Presentation: Human Resources Department**

Ms. Rhea Cragun, Human Resources Director, reviewed her presentation included in the agenda packet.

X. CITY MANAGER / CITY CLERK / CITY ATTORNEY / MAYOR REPORTS**1. City Manager Report****1. City Manager's Report February 21, 2023**

Mr. Detter reviewed his report included in the agenda packet, highlighting his meeting with Senator Murkowski's office, the Safer Grant, the VFDA Landfill Fee Waiver, and the Senior Housing Project.

2. City Clerk Report

Ms. Pierce reviewed the upcoming Council Calendar. She updated Council on the upcoming Regular Municipal Election, inviting those interested to take out a petition to run for City Council or School Board.

3. City Attorney Report

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

included in his written report.

4. City Mayor Report

XII. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Council Members shared their enthusiasm for the recent Child Care Symposium and thanked the agencies and volunteers involved.

Council Member Devens reminded those listening if they were interested in voting in the Municipal Election but were still not registered, there was still time to do so.

Council Member Fleming encouraged those listening to run for Council.

Council Member Foster updated Council on the success of the Child Care Symposium, including the ability to certify twenty people in CPR.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIII. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

XV. APPENDIX

- 1. Legal Billing Summary - January 2023**
- 2. Preliminary Notice of Regular Municipal and School Board Election of City of Valdez- May 2, 2023**