

# City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.  
Valdez, AK 99686



## Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

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:12 - Mayor Dennis Fleming  
Mayor Pro Tem Austin Love  
Council Member Alan Sorum  
Council Member Sharon Scheidt  
Council Member Jimmy Devens  
Council Member Olivia Foster  
Council Member Joseph Lally

Also Present:4 - City Clerk Sheri Pierce  
City Manager John Douglas  
Deputy City Clerk Elise Sorum Birk  
Assistant City Manager Bart Hinkle

**IV. SWEARING IN OF VALDEZ POLICE OFFICER**

**V. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Wyatt Jobbe, Valdez resident, spoke on challenges with relocation to Valdez and shared concerns about the Ports and Harbors Commission not holding regular meetings, as well as residential and showers fees in the harbor.

**VI. CITY ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATION**

1. City of Valdez Logo Update

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Proclamation: National Day of Mourning for President Carter
2. Approval of Renewal of Retail Marijuana Store License; Coastal Cannabis Company
3. Approval of Renewal of Marijuana Cultivation Facility License - DKW Farms, LLC
4. Approval To Go Into Executive Session Re: City Manager Annual Evaluation

MOTION: Council Member Foster moved, seconded by Council Member Lally, to approve all items on the consent agenda.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 7 - Fleming, Love, Sorum, Scheidt, Devens, Foster and Lally

MOTION CARRIED.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between Prince William Sound College and the City of Valdez for Early Childhood Occupational Endorsement Certificate Student Support

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Scheidt, to Approve of MOA with PWSC for ECE Endorsement Certificate Support.

Council Member Love requested additional information on reimbursement of the cost of recruitment. Deputy Clerk Sorum-Birk provided clarification on PWSC's request for support with advertising costs and where the funds would come from.

Council Member Foster asked if the program would roll over to future years. Deputy Clerk Sorum-Birk stated the grant funding needed to be used by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Mayor Fleming requested the quarterly report given to the state also be provided to Council for review.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 7 - Fleming, Love, Sorum, Scheidt, Devens, Foster and Lally

MOTION CARRIED.

### 2. Approval of Management Agreement Between the City of Valdez and Providence Health & Services-Washington dba Providence Health & Services Alaska

MOTION: Council Member Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Lally, to approve management agreement with Providence Health & Services Alaska.

Council discussed the pros and cons to considering a policy triggered by the end of an MOA or MOU which would provide a process to go to bid to review all available options.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 7 - Fleming, Love, Sorum, Scheidt, Devens, Foster and Lally

MOTION CARRIED.

**3. Approval of Amendment to Providence Valdez Medical Center 2025 Capital Projects Budget in the Amount of \$400,000**

MOTION: Council Member Foster moved, seconded by Council Member Lally, to approve an amendment to the Providence Valdez Medical Center 2025 Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$400,000.

Council Member Love requested information on the timing of the project. Capital Facilities Director Nate Duval and City Clerk Pierce explained it had not been officially moved off the City's capital projects list and onto the hospital's projects list.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 7 - Fleming, Love, Sorum, Scheidt, Devens, Foster and Lally  
MOTION CARRIED.

**IX. ORDINANCES**

**1. #24-17 - Amending Section 3.12.040 of the Valdez Municipal Code Establishing a Tax Exemption for Economic Development Property. Second Reading. Adoption. (Reconsideration Requested by Mayor Fleming)**

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Love, to approve Ordinance 24-17 in second reading for adoption.

Maggie Nylund, Valdez resident, shared her support for the ordinance.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 7 - Fleming, Love, Sorum, Scheidt, Devens, Foster and Lally  
MOTION CARRIED.

**X. RESOLUTIONS**

**1. #25-01 - Waiving 2025 Annual Fishing Vessel Moorage Fees for Valdez Resident Commercial Fishing Vessels Active During the 2024 Commercial Fishing Season**

MOTION: Council Member Foster moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to approve Resolution 25-01.

MOTION TO AMEND: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Foster, to add a "whereas" clause to reference Resolution 24-46 as the reason for the fee waiver.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND

Yays: 7 - Fleming, Love, Sorum, Scheidt, Devens, Foster and Lally  
MOTION CARRIED.

**VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED**

Yays: 7 - Fleming, Love, Sorum, Scheidt, Devens, Foster and Lally  
MOTION CARRIED.

**XI. REPORTS**

- 1. Results of Surplus Auction for 2005 Genie Lift**
- 2. Procurement Report: Professional Services Agreement With Agnew: Beck Consulting for a Housing Needs Assessment**
- 3. Merger of AMLJIA and APEI to Single Pool: APRA**
- 4. Monthly Treasury Report: November 2024**

**XII. CITY MANAGER / CITY CLERK / CITY ATTORNEY / MAYOR REPORTS****1. City Manager Report**

City Manager Douglas shared his gratitude to Nate Duval for serving as Assistant City Manager and noted although he would no longer be serving in the role, he would continue to serve as the Capital Facilities Director.

**2. City Clerk Report**

City Clerk Pierce reminded Council to complete the City Clerk evaluation forms for HR.

**3. City Attorney Report**

Attorney Staser outlined projects and provided updates on cases his firm is working on for the City, including escaped property, borough formation, and the Corporate Transparency Act.

**4. City Mayor Report**

Mayor Fleming stated the City New Year's firework display was one of the best he'd seen in Valdez in a long time.

**XIII. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Council members thanked the road crews for their efforts to keep the roads clear, graveled, and safe.

Council Member Foster thanked Nate Duval for stepping into the role of Assistant City Manager.

Council Member Lally thanked those involved in putting together the City Holiday Party.

Council Member Love encouraged community members to check out the trails on Meals Hill and noted the beautiful overlooks and sledding for kids.

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**XV. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**XVII. APPENDIX**

1. January 2025 Council Calendar
2. Legal Billing Summary - November 2024
3. All America City Award Letter of Intent

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