

# City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.  
Valdez, AK 99686



## Action Summary

**Tuesday, July 7, 2020**

**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: 7 - Mayor Jeremy O'Neil  
Council Member Ron Ruff *(telephonically)*  
Council Member Susan Love  
Council Member Sharon Scheidt  
Council Member Jimmy Devens  
Council Member Dennis Fleming *(telephonically)*  
Council Member Alan Sorum *(telephonically)*

Also Present: 6 - City Manager Mark Detter  
Assistant City Manager Nathan Duval  
City Clerk Sheri Pierce  
Deputy City Clerk Allie Ferko *(telephonically)*  
Records Manager Shelley McMillen  
City Attorney Jake Staser *(telephonically)*

**IV. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Approval To Go Into Executive Session RE: (1) TAPS Settlement Agreement (2) Pending Litigation (3) City Manager Evaluation**
- 2. Appointment to City Ports & Harbors Commission (Three-Year Term) - Mark Swanson**

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 7 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Love, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Devens, Council Member Fleming and Council Member Sorum

MOTION CARRIED.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Appointment to City Library Board (One-Year, One-Month Term) - Multiple Applicants**

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Scheidt, to appoint Sherry Miller to the City Library Board for a one-year, one month term.

## VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 7 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Love, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Devens, Council Member Fleming and Council Member Sorum

MOTION CARRIED.

**2. Approval of Valdez Public Health Mandate #003 - Requirement for Masks or Cloth Face Coverings**

MAIN MOTION: Council Member Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to Valdez Public Health Mandate #003 - Requirement for Masks or Cloth Face Coverings.

MOTION TO AMEND #1: Council Member Scheidt moved, seconded by Council Member Sorum, to amend mandate # 003 by striking the two introductory paragraphs and replacing them with the following:

*"The COVID-19 pandemic continues to threaten the health and well-being of Valdez. With our first confirmed cases of the virus, we've reached a dangerous threshold where it is recommended we require, not request, preventative measures that will reduce the possibility of a surge that could create community transmission and overwhelm our local healthcare system. The first case of confirmed community transmission may require more drastic public health measures. Therefore, we must work proactively to avoid this threshold and keep our community healthy, our small businesses open, and our children headed back to school this fall.*

*Recent studies indicate that mask wearing by the public can help reduce the spread of the virus. Based on this information, the CDC now recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. In line with this recommendation the City of Valdez puts forth this mandate to preserve the health and safety of our community through prevention of community transmission".*

## VOTE ON THE MOTION TO AMEND #1:

Yays: 7 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Love, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Devens, Council Member Fleming and Council Member Sorum

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO AMEND #2: Council Member Scheidt moved, seconded by Council Member Love, to amend mandate # 003 by striking the second sentence of the third paragraph of the mandate and replacing it with the following: **"THE FOLLOWING MANDATE SHALL HAVE THE POWER OF LAW, AND SHALL BE REVIEWED ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2020, AND THEREAFTER AS RECOMMENDED BY THE VALDEZ COVID-19 UNIFIED COMMAND."**

## VOTE ON THE MOTION TO AMEND #2:

Yays: 6 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Love, Council

Member Scheidt, Council Member Devens, and Council Member Sorum

Nays: 1 - Council Member Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO AMEND #3: Council Member Ruff moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to amend mandate # 003 by striking the first sentence of the third paragraph of the mandate and replacing it with the following: "*THE CITY OF VALDEZ HEREBY ORDERS THE FOLLOWING MANDATE TO BE EFFECTIVE AS OF 5:00 PM ON JULY 10, 2020.*"

VOTE ON THE MOTION TO AMEND #3:

Yays: 7 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Love, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Devens, Council Member Fleming and Council Member Sorum

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO AMEND #4: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to amend mandate # 003 by adding the following sentence at the end of paragraph 4.A: "*Additionally, students over the age of 5 years enrolled in a Valdez School District school or a licensed childcare program may be exempted from this order during school activities as determined by Valdez School Board policy or DHSS childcare licensing requirements.*"

VOTE ON THE MOTION TO AMEND #4:

Yays: 7 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Love, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Devens, Council Member Fleming and Council Member Sorum

MOTION CARRIED.

VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

Yays: 5 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Love, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Devens, and Council Member Sorum

Nays: 2 - Council Member Fleming and Council Member Ruff

MOTION CARRIED.

## VII. RESOLUTIONS

### 1. **#20-36 - Celebrating Valdez Fisheries Development Inc., 40th Anniversary and Recognizing VFDA on this Outstanding Achievement**

MOTION: Council Member Scheidt moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to Resolution # 20-36.

## VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 7 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Love, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Devens, Council Member Fleming and Council Member Sorum

MOTION CARRIED.

**2. #20-37 - Authorizing a Gravel Lease for Mega Trucking, LLC on a 73.681 Acre Portion of Tract A, ASLS 79-116**

MOTION: Council Member Ruff moved, seconded by Council Member Sorum, to Resolution # 20-37.

## VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 7 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Love, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Devens, Council Member Fleming and Council Member Sorum

MOTION CARRIED.

**3. #20-38 - Authorizing the Continuance of the COVID-19 Local Government Disaster Declaration**

MOTION: Council Member Fleming moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to Resolution # 20-38.

## VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 7 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Love, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Devens, Council Member Fleming and Council Member Sorum

MOTION CARRIED.

## **VIII. REPORTS**

- 1. Procurement Report: Professional Services Agreement with Wolf Architecture, Inc. for City Council Chamber Upgrades in the Amount of \$49,020.00**
- 2. Quarterly Financial Statements for period ending 3/31/2020**
- 3. Comprehensive Plan Update**
- 4. Change Order Report: Contract with Harris Sand & Gravel for Pavement Management Phase 1 - West Egan Drive.**

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

- 1. City Manager Report**

- 2. City Clerk Report**
- 3. City Attorney Report**
- 4. City Mayor Report**
- X. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- XII. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT**