City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave. Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes – Draft

Tuesday, July 5, 2022 7:00 PM

Regular Meeting Council Chambers

City Council

City of Valdez

WORK SESSION AGENDA - 6:00 pm

1. Senior Housing Project

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 Dennis Fleming Council Member Susan Love Council Member Jimmy Devens Council Member Todd Wegner
Excused:	1 - Council Member Dawson Moore
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 Minutes of the Meetings of 060722 and 062122

V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

1. Public Appearance: Lanette Oliver - Valdez Adventure Alliance

Ms. Oliver shared the Valdez Ice Climbing Festival would hold a tribute to the late Mr. Brian Teale. She requested photos of Mr. Teale be emailed to the Valdez Adventure Alliance. She thanked Brianne and the Economic Development team for the 4th of July event. She updated Council on the Shoup Bay Trail.

2. Public Appearance: Patty Relay – Valdez Museum & Historical Archive

Ms. Relay updated Council on the summer events at the museum. She thanked Council for their support.

VI. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Appointments to Ports and Harbor Commission: 1) Andrea West 2) Alan Steed
- 2. Appointments to Beautification Commission

3. Proclamation: National Parks and Recreation Month

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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

Excused: 1 - Council Member Moore

MOTION PASSED

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion Item: Legislative Update - State Lobbyist, Kim Hutchinson

Mr. Hutchison updated Council on the conclusion of the legislative session, including school bond debt reimbursement, community jails, flooding issues, and housing cost inflation.

2. Accept Resignation from City Council Member Dawson Moore

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, to accept the resignation of Council Member Moore.

Council expressed condolences to Council Member Moore for the loss of his father, thanked him for serving the community, and wished him well in future endeavors.

Council discussed how to fill the newly vacated seat, and agreed to accept Letters of Interest.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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

Excused: 1 - Council Member Moore

MOTION PASSED

3. Approval of Change Order with Wolverine Supply Inc., for Valdez Elementary & High School Water Piping Replacement in the amount of \$111,710.13.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to approve the Change Order with Wolverine Supply Inc., for Valdez Elementary & High School Water Piping Replacement in the amount of \$111,710.13.

Council Member Wegner encouraged quality control on the project.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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

Excused: 1 - Council Member Moore MOTION PASSED

4. Approval of the City's Property and Casualty Insurance Broker Agreement

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Love, to approve the City's Property and Casualty Insurance Broker Agreement.

Staff recommended postponing to the next Regular City Council Meeting.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to postpone Approval of the City's Property and Casualty Insurance Broker Agreement to the next Regular City Council Meeting.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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

Excused: 1 - Council Member Moore MOTION PASSED

IX. ORDINANCES

1. #22-09 - Amending Section 2.24 of the Valdez Municipal Code Titled Code of Ethics. Second Reading. Adoption.

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Wegner, to approve Ordinance #22-09.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

Yays: 6 - Mayor Scheidt, Mayor Pro Tem Sorum, Council Member Fleming,

Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner Excused: 1 - Council Member Moore

MOTION PASSED

X. **RESOLUTIONS**

1. #22-41 - Authorizing Lease Amendment No. 1 with Copper Valley Wireless a .5-Acre Portion of ASLS 87-18

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Wegner, to approve Resolution #22-41.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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

Excused: 1 - Council Member Moore

MOTION PASSED

2. #22-42 - Amending the 2022 City Budget by Transferring \$20,000 from Major Equipment Reserve to Sewer Department Contractual Services

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Wegner, to approve Resolution 22-42.

Council Member Fleming shared his reservation over the use of the Major Equipment Reserve. He expressed interest in keeping the fund separate from other accounts.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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

Excused: 1 - Council Member Moore MOTION PASSED

 #22-43 - Amending the FY22 City Budget by Accepting the State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development Community Development Block Grant Award in the Amount of \$850,000 for the Infrastructure Improvements Supporting the Valdez Senior Living Apartments and Re-Allocating Funds from the Capital Projects Fund Previously Appropriated for this Project

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to approve Resolution #22-43.

VOTE ON THE MOTION

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

Excused: 1 - Council Member Moore MOTION PASSED

XI. REPORTS

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

1. City Manager Report

1. City Manager's Report 7-5-2022

Mr. Detter reviewed the City Manager's report included in the agenda packet, highlighting Senator Murkowski's office had confirmed the City of Valdez request for funding of the Sewer Force Main project had been forwarded to the Interior, Environmental and related agencies appropriations bill.

Mr. Detter updated Council on the following City Projects:

- Providence Hospital Staffing Issue
 - Council instructed Staff to look into the history of the program and agreed to discuss it during their upcoming strategic planning session.
- East Hanagita
- Whalen Avenue
- Water Main Replacement Meals to Richardson Highway
- Department Storage Facility
- Herman Hutchins Elementary School Cafeteria Flooring
- Design Projects
 - Sewer Force Main
 - o Hospital Master Plan
 - H-K & Tour Dock Replacement
 - Pavement Management 4, 5, & 6
 - High School
 - Infrastructure Grant Assistance

3. City Clerk Report

Ms. Pierce updated Council on the status of the Beautification Committee. She explained July 22nd would ideally be the deadline for Letters of Interest in regards to the vacant Council seat.

4. City Attorney Report

Mr. Staser outlined projects and provided updates on cases his firm is working on including redistricting, escaped property, and a recent notification of possible litigation against the city by Mr. J. Tucker.

5. City Mayor Report

Mayor Scheidt thanked Staff for a wonderful 4th of July event. She thanked Dan O'Connor for his efforts in the community and with Prince William Sound College (PWSC).

She congratulated Eric Garcia on being sworn in as the engineer for the Fire Department. She requested a demonstration of the Fire Department training tower for City Council.

XIII. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Council Member Devens thanked Dan O'Connor for his work with PWSC. He thanked Council Member Moore for his service to the community and wished him condolences for the loss of his father.

Council Member Love thanked those willing to serve on the Beautification Committee.

Council Member Wegner and Council Member Fleming thanked Staff for the 4th of July event.

Council Member Sorum welcomed Ms. Barberio back. He shared his enthusiasm for current fish numbers, noting the Valdez Fisheries and Development Association was close to completing their cost recovery.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

V. APPENDIX

1. Council Correspondence