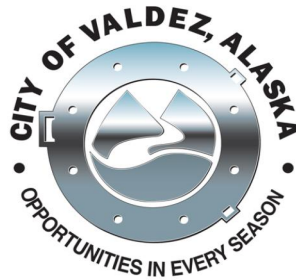


City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, July 17, 2017

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

Ports and Harbor Commission

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Swanson called the meeting to order in Council Chambers at 7:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Chair Mark Swanson
Chair Pro Tempore Alan Sorum
Commission Member Ryan Sontag Jr.
Commission Member Stu Hirsch
Commission Member Steve Cotter
Commission Member Montgomery Morgan

Excused 1 - Commission Member Colleen Stephens

Also Present 4 - Director Ports and Harbor Jeremy Talbott
Harbormaster Sarah Von Barga
Port Operations Manager Jenessa Ables
Recording Secretary Jodi Fowler

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was no Minutes to approve.

IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

There was no public appearances.

V. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There was no public hearings.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion Item: Valdez New Boat Harbor Construction Project Update

Ron Rozak, Arcadis US, Inc. spoke to the Commission regarding recent New Boat Harbor Project construction progress referencing the June 2017 construction report.

Western Marine began construction on the south and east breakwaters in early April utilizing stockpiles left throughout the winter and the barge landing Harris Sand & Gravel constructed at Old Town Valdez for project use. The United States Army Corp of Engineers inspected the breakwater on June 17, 2017. Mr. Rozak also noted two entrance pilings earmarked for navigational aids to be installed by the USCG. R&M has been processing a lot of submittals for uplands elements. In water submittals for floats and ramps are just starting to come in. Mr. Rozak also discussed in water

blasting schedules and procedures. Uplands concrete pouring for the warehouse and bilge treatment facility cannot begin until the building permit is obtained. It is currently under review with the State Fire Marshall.

Mr. Rozak said Laura Langdon, Capital Facilities Project Manager, is his current City contact for the project.

Mr. Rozak and Commission Members discussed the basin design in depth; specifically, the northwest corner of the harbor basin in relation to the USACE dredging and fill requirements. Many Commission Members shared concern regarding the dredging depth and subsequent usability of the west end of the basin since the launch ramps were deferred.

Discussion Item: Waterfront Master Plan Update

Chair Swanson reminded Port staff the Commission had last asked for another work session but finding a time had proven difficult. Mr. Talbott said he had spoken with Valdez Convention and Visitor's Bureau and Silver Bay since the last Commission meeting. Silver Bay is looking at expanding operations to include fish meal in Valdez and is interested in attending work sessions regarding waterfront master planning.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business items.

IX. REPORTS

1. Ports & Harbor Winter / Spring Report

Mr. Talbott updated Commission Members on the improvements to the north end of the Valdez Container Terminal yard. The area was cleared, drainage improvements were made, filled and compacted for less than 100,000 dollars. The area can be utilized for additional refrigeration units when the power pedestals are at capacity with carrier companies bringing in generators for additional power. The Kelsey Plaza has remained busy with public traffic, events and commercial fishing vessels.

X. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Commission Member Cotter reminded Port staff about the overhead electrical cables obstructing the top pick forklift from moving cargo to the SERVS annex area. Mr. Talbott said it is on the list.

Commission Member Sorum recommended Port staff check on the status of the eagle nest in the easement for a future thruway to Richardson Highway. Chair Swanson felt that was an important thing to include in the waterfront master plan although, until now, it has been omitted.

Commission Member Cotter said he enjoyed the picnic tables being relocated from the Kelsey Plaza to the Kelsey Dock. Other Commission Members agreed.

Commission Member Hirsch noted the high level of pedestrian traffic from the seafood processors cutting across the maintenance pad area of the harbor. The walkway ends near the launch ramp and individuals then choose a path posing safety issues. If there was a walkway continuing along Kennicott/Kobuk it may entice pedestrians to stay out of the working area. Mr. Talbott felt this would be address in the next phase of harbor improvements.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Swanson adjourned the meeting at 8:18 P.M.

City of Valdez, Alaska
Ports and Harbor Commission

Mark Swanson, Chairman

Attest:

Jenessa Ables, Port Operations Manager