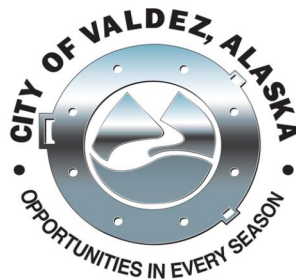


City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, July 15, 2019

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

Ports and Harbor Commission

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Pro Tem Mark Swanson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Valdez City Council Chambers.

II. ROLL CALL

Present	4 -	Chair Pro Tem Mark Swanson Commission Member Stu Hirsch Commission Member Steve Cotter Commission Member Ryan Sontag
Excused	1 -	Commission Member Colleen Stephens
Absent	1 -	Commission Member Tim Bouchard
Also Present	4 -	Ports and Harbor Director Jeremy Talbott Operations Manager Jenessa Ables Harbormaster Sarah Von Bargaen Ports and Harbor Office Manager Karisa Friend

III. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

IV. NEW BUSINESS**1. Approval of Recommendation to City Council for the 2019-2020
Renewal of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for
Valdez Yellow Cab**

MOTION: Commission Member Sontag moved, seconded by Commission Member Hirsch, to approve recommendation to City Council for the 2019-2020 renewal of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Valdez Yellow Cab. The motion carried by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

Chair Pro Tem Swanson asked for clarification on the make and model of one of the vehicles covered by the certificate. Deputy City Clerk Allie Ferko stated she will ensure the correct vehicle descriptors are listed on the actual certificate.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays	4 -	Chair Swanson Commission Member Hirsch Commission Member Cotter Commission Member Sontag
Excused	1 -	Commission Member Stephens
Absent	1 -	Commission Member Bouchard

V. REPORTS**1. New Boat Harbor Construction Report**

Mr. Ron Rozak, new harbor construction manager, confirmed the new harbor is finally open as of the 29th of June. He stated there is a punch list of activities needing to be completed, all of which are small issues. The laundry facilities are still under construction. He explained there will also be a contract close out process completed with the Capital Facilities Department and City legal. He stated there was a question about the performance of bilge treatment system and additional samples would be taken for testing purposes. The Commission had a brief discussion about the bilge oil trap and obtaining replacement parts from the manufacturer.

Chair Pro Tem Swanson asked about the high mast light at the new harbor which was swaying during the ribbon cutting ceremony. Mr. Rozak stated the construction team was aware of the high mast light.

The commission had a discussion about signage and channel markers for the new harbor. Mr. Rozak explained he has been working with the Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineers to determine the appropriate aids to navigation for the facility. He explained the City has no intention of creating paths on the break wall.

Mr. Rozak stated he is pleased with the activity at the new harbor thus far, and has heard a lot of positive comments about the facility from users.

2. Port Operations Manager Report

Ms. Ables stated the Port has been busy with cruise ships this season, as well as staffing transition. She explained she is working with City legal on a memorandum of agreement with the state of Alaska for use of the ferry terminal dolphin pier for cruise ship docking. Her team is also working on updating the operating agreements with Port facility users, streamlining TWIC processes, the Port security camera project, updating the Port fee schedule, tracking statistics related to cruise ship visits, and coordinating the five-year FDA facility inspection.

Ms. Ables stated there was an incident in April where a child fell on the shore side of the Kelsey Dock, so railings will be added in addition to the existing warning signs.

Ms. Ables briefly discussed feedback received from the community and passengers related to cruise ship visits. She explained passengers appreciate not having vendors directly at the disembarkation point. Mr. Talbott confirmed the "Welcome to Valdez" sign is in place on the roof of the Port terminal building.

Chair Pro Tem Swanson asked questions regarding recent City events at the Kelsey Plaza. Ms. Ables explained the City events staff run the 4th of July festival and other events. The Commission had a brief discussion about turning the slat wall on the east end of the terminal plaza awning into a half wall to help facilitate events.

3. Harbormaster Report

Ms. Von Bargaen stated the new harbor ribbon cutting was well attended. She stated she received lots of good comments about the new facility and slip sizes. Her staff are still working through the existing waitlist and deploying the fish cleaning stations. She explained the artic tern bird issue should resolve itself soon based on historical data of egg hatching timelines. She stated visitors appreciate the chainsaw carvings at the new facility, but they may need to be relocated to prevent people from climbing on them.

Ms. Von Bargaen explained there has already been minor vandalism at the new harbor, including damage to a fire extinguisher at one of the slips and damage to several of the shower room token boxes. She stated her staff will look into transitioning to key card access for the shower rooms. Her staff have also had problems with harbor users utilizing the new harbor picnic areas for parties and not cleaning up after themselves.

Chair Pro Tem Swanson asked what the harbor staff needed to more effectively remove debris like tree branches washed into the harbor. He stated if staff needed an endorsement of a purchase from the commission to please bring it forward to them for review.

The Commission had a brief discussion about fishing, cost recovery efforts, and container storage. Mr. Talbott stated there is a power upgrade project going on at the Valdez Container Terminal.

VI. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

The Commission had a brief discussion on what the new harbor should be called. Consensus was to call the new harbor the "South Harbor". Several commission members stated they had received lots of positive feedback on how beautiful the new harbor is, however there is some public confusion on how to access the facility. Several commission members stated they were pleased to also see a large number of non-boat owners using the facility for recreation.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Pro Tem Swanson adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.