

City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes - Final

Friday, March 20, 2020

12:00 PM

Special Meeting

Council Chambers

City Council

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA - 12:00 PM**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor O'Neil called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in Valdez City Council Chambers.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Jeremy O'Neil
Council Member Ron Ruff
Council Member Sharon Scheidt
Council Member Darren Reese
Council Member Dennis Fleming
Council Member Alan Sorum

Excused: 1 - Council Member Christopher Moulton

Also Present: 5 - City Manager Mark Detter
Assistant City Manager Nathan Duval
City Clerk Sheri Pierce
Deputy City Clerk Allie Ferko (*telephonically*)
Records Manager Shelley McMillen

III. CONSENT AGENDA**1. Approval To Go Into Executive Session Regarding Hilcorp**

MOTION: Council Member Reese moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Reese, Council Member Fleming and Council Member Sorum

Absent: 1 - Council Member Moulton

IV. NEW BUSINESS**1. Approval of Amendment to City Council Policies and Procedures**

MOTION: Council Member Ruff moved, seconded by Council Member Reese, to approve amendments to City Council Policies and Procedures. The motion carried by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

Council Member Reese asked if this would only apply to open deliberations, and not be used for executive session. Ms. Pierce replied this exception would also apply to executive sessions, however a protocol to develop a secure portal for discussion in executive session would need to be established.

Council Member Scheidt asked what would determine a "risk to health and human safety". Ms. Pierce replied that a declaration of emergency signed by the Mayor which contains this statement would probably suffice. Council and staff discussion continued regarding what would constitute an emergency for the

purpose of allowing participation by telephonic or electronic means.

MOTION TO AMEND #1: Council Member Scheidt moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming to amend Section H, Item 2 to read as follows: a. physical attendance poses a risk to health or human safety as determined by the mayor; b. during work sessions; or c. by permission of the city council for the purpose of attending executive session. The motion carried by the following vote.

VOTE ON THE MOTION TO AMEND #1:

Yays: 6 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Reese, Council Member Fleming and Council Member Sorum

Absent: 1 - Council Member Moulton

Mr. Staser identified the need to clarify if members attending telephonically counted towards determination of a quorum.

MOTION TO AMEND #2: Council Member Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Scheidt, to amend Section 3A, to read as follows: The council may meet if a quorum of members are physically and/or telephonically present for the duration of the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote.

VOTE ON THE MOTION TO AMEND #2:

Yays: 5 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Fleming and Council Member Sorum

Nays: 1 - Council Member Reese

Absent: 1 - Council Member Moulton

VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

Yays: 5 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Fleming and Council Member Sorum

Nays: 1 - Council Member Reese

Absent: 1 - Council Member Moulton

V. ORDINANCES

1. **#20-02 - Emergency Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.80, Section 2.80.045, Titled Emergency Procurements. Adoption.**

MOTION: Council Member Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Ruff, to adopt Ordinance #20-02. The motion carried by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

Ms. Pierce clarified the agenda item requires an affirmative vote of six council members as it is an emergency ordinance.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Reese, Council Member Fleming and Council Member Sorum

Absent: 1 - Council Member Moulton

VI. RESOLUTIONS**1. #20-18 - Authorizing the Continuance of the COVID-19 Local Government Disaster Declaration**

MOTION: Council Member Reese moved, seconded by Council Member Ruff, to approve Resolution #20-18. The motion carried by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

Ms. Pierce explained the parameters of the disaster declaration continuance. She explained the declaration could be extended again in the future. Council had a brief discussion regarding timing for the end date of the resolution.

MOTION TO AMEND: Council Member Reese moved, seconded by Council Member Ruff, to amend Resolution #20-18 to change the end date to April 22, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote.

VOTE ON THE MOTION TO AMEND:

Yays: 6 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Reese, Council Member Fleming and Council Member Sorum

Absent: 1 - Council Member Moulton

VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

Yays: 6 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Reese, Council Member Fleming and Council Member Sorum

Absent: 1 - Council Member Moulton

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council transitioned into executive session at 12:47 p.m.

VIII. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council transitioned out of executive session at 1:47 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor O'Neil adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.