

City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

City Council

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scheidt called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in Valdez City Council Chambers.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Council led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Sharon Scheidt
Council Member Dennis Fleming
Council Member Susan Love
Council Member Dawson Moore
Council Member Jimmy Devens
Council Member Alan Sorum
Council Member Ron Ruff

Also Present: 6 - City Manager Mark Detter
Assistant City Manager Nathan Duval
Assistant City Manager Roxanne Murphy
City Clerk Sheri Pierce
Deputy City Clerk Allie Ferko
City Attorney Jake Staser

IV. SWEAR-IN CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Pierce administered oaths of office for newly elected officials - Mayor Sharon Scheidt, Council Member Todd Wegner, and Council Member Dawson Moore.

Mayor Scheidt called a brief recess for refreshments at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Scheidt called the meeting back to order at 7:22 p.m.

Outgoing Council Members Fleming and Ruff departed City Council Chambers.

V. ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Mayor Scheidt invited nominations from the floor for the election of Mayor Pro Tempore.

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Moore to elect Council Member Sorum as Mayor Pro Tempore for a term expiring at the second regular City Council meeting in May 2022.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

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

Vacancy: 1

MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**1. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2021**

The City Council regular meeting minutes of May 5, 2021 were approved as presented.

VII. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**1. Public Appearance: Klint VanWingerden - Valdez Marine Terminal Director, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company**

Mr. VanWingerden introduced himself. He shared the history of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System, how the system works, and emphasized Alyeska's commitment to safety. He highlighted Alyeska Pipeline employee Jenna Compehos' selection as the Junior Achievement of Alaska's 2021 Volunteer of the Year.

2. Public Appearance: Peter Torkelson - Executive Director & TJ Presely - Deputy Director, Alaska Redistricting Board

Mr. Torkelson provided a brief history of the redistricting process in Alaska as outlined in the agenda packet. He outlined the current process and how Valdez would be included in the discussion.

VIII. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

No members from the public appeared to provide testimony on a non-agenda item.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval to Go Into Executive Session Regarding: (1) PPM Litigation, (2) Strategy for Future Management of Valdez Container Terminal, and (3) City Council Appointment of Vacancy**

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

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

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

Vacancy: 1

MOTION CARRIED

X. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Approval of the 2021-2022 Valdez City Schools Budget**

MOTION: Council Member Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Devens to approve the 2021-2022 Valdez City Schools Budget.

Council Member Wegner declared a potential conflict of interest as he is directly employed by Valdez City Schools. After a brief discussion and concurrence from Mr. Staser, Council provided consensus that Council Member Wegner did not have a direct financial conflict of interest based on the manner in which the school budget was presented for approval. Council provided consensus for Council Member Wegner to participate in the discussion and vote on the agenda item.

Council Member Love asked if changes had been made to how much funding was allowed to be carried over from the prior year. Mr. Sean Arnold, Valdez City Schools superintendent, outlined the limit waiver currently moving through legislation. He explained how decreased enrollment numbers due to COVID-19 would impact the school budget.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

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

Vacancy: 1

MOTION CARRIED

2. Approval of Contract with Build Alaska General Contracting, LLC for Mineral Creek Bridge Repairs in the Amount of \$735,350.00

MOTION: Council Member Moore moved, seconded by Council Member Love to approve the contract with Build Alaska General Contracting, LLC for Mineral Creek Bridge repairs in the amount of \$735,350.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

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

Vacancy: 1

MOTION CARRIED

3. Approval of Contract Amendment #1 with North Pacific Fuel for Citywide Fuel Supply

MOTION: Council Member Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Moore to approve contract amendment #1 with North Pacific Fuel for citywide fuel supply.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

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

Vacancy: 1

MOTION CARRIED

XI. ORDINANCES

1. #21-05 - Repealing and Reenacting Valdez Municipal Code Title 17.48.140 Temporary Land Use Permits. Second Reading. Adoption

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Moore to approve Ordinance #21-05.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

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

Vacancy: 1

MOTION CARRIED

XII. RESOLUTIONS

1. **#21-20 - Authorizing Access to Parcels A-1, A-2 and B, ASLS 79-116 and Tract C of Rydor Subdivision 2019 Addition, Across City Owned Property Over the Alpetco Road Trail, to Rydor Enterprises LLC and Camicia Creek Landholdings**

MAIN MOTION: Council Member Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Love to approve Resolution # 21-20.

MOTION TO AMEND: Council Member Moore moved, seconded by Council Member Devens to amend Resolution #21-20 by striking the current wording of section three in its entirety and replacing it with the following: "Section 3. For the duration of access grant, Rydor Enterprises, LLC and Camicia Creek Land Holdings, LLC shall maintain a general liability insurance policy covering their activities within the access area including brushing, clearing, and grading activities with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 general aggregate. The policy shall name the City of Valdez as an additional insured and proof of insurance must be submitted to the city manager prior to using the access area under this Resolution".

VOTE ON THE MOTION TO AMEND:

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

Vacancy: 1

MOTION CARRIED

VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

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

Vacancy: 1

MOTION CARRIED

2. #21-21 - Supporting the 2021-2025 Valdez Senior Center, Inc. Coordinated Community Transportation Plan

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Moore to approve Resolution #21-21.

Valdez Senior Center Director Deborah Plant thanked Council for their continued support of the plan and associated programs.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

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

Vacancy: 1

MOTION CARRIED

XIII. REPORTS

- 1. Quarterly Financial Statements: March 31, 2021**
- 2. Report: Approval of Temporary Land Use Permit #21-08 for C&E Car Deetz for 134 East Pioneer Drive, Lot 3 Pioneer Commercial Subdivision**
- 3. Report: Approval of Temporary Land Use Permit #21-09 for Harris Sand and Gravel for Six Months, for a 18,000 square foot portion of Tract S Port Valdez Subdivision, for a 15,000 square foot portion of Black Gold #1 Park Strip, and a 9,500 square foot portion of ROW on Whalen Avenue**
- 4. Report: Approval of Temporary Land Use Permit #21-10 for Pruhs Construction Company, LLC for Six Months, for a 30,000 square foot portion of Lot 1 Tract Q, Port Valdez Subdivision, a 5,500 square foot portion of Tract S, Port Valdez Subdivision, and a 7,000 square foot portion of Lot 19B, Block 1, Fireweed Hill**
- 5. Report: Valdez Police Department Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Implementation**

Chief of Police Bart Hinkle provide a verbal report outlining information included in the agenda packet about the new body-worn camera policy and equipment.

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

1. City Manager Report

Mr. Detter briefed Council on current city projects, including the fire station, bridge repairs, Lowe River flood mitigation, in town DOT paving projects, sewer force mains, the hospital master plan, architectural studies on the school buildings, and funds expected to be received by the city related to the American

Rescue Plan Act. He reminded Council of public facing city project webpages. Mr. Detter and Ms. Pierce scheduled a Council retreat priority setting session for July 9th and 10th.

Planning Director Kate Huber provided an update on the Comprehensive Plan, including plans for an in-person testimony opportunity and extending the public comment period through June 6th.

2. City Clerk Report

Ms. Pierce informed Council she had been sworn in as the president of the International Institute for Municipal Clerks and provided an overview of the conference. She reviewed the upcoming Council calendar. She reminded those listening upcoming Council meetings would be temporarily held at the Civic Center conference room until November 2021 due to Council Chambers upgrades.

3. City Attorney Report

Mr. Staser scheduled an executive session with Council and City Attorney Robin Brena to discuss ongoing legal matters on June 17th. Mr. Staser outlined projects and provided updates on cases his firm is working on behalf of the City, including the Alaska Trappers Association, code revisions, and escaped property.

4. City Mayor Report

Mayor Scheidt addressed masking in Council Chambers and City public meetings.

Mayor Scheidt explained the Council and City would follow current CDC guidelines. She congratulated the recipients of the All-American Scholarship, Rylie King and Anna Price, as well as the entire school system for their hard work over the past year.

Mayor Scheidt requested an update from Chief Hinkle on leash free zones. Chief Hinkle agreed to return to Council with information July 20th.

XV. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Council Member Devens thanked all who applied for the All-American Scholarship and congratulated Ms. King and Ms. Price.

Council Members congratulated those elected to office, the class of 2021, and Ms. Pierce for her new IIMC role.

Council Member Sorum thanked those involved in moving forward with addressing senior housing.

Council Member Wegner and Council Member Moore shared their excitement to work on City Council.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council transitioned into executive session at 8:51 p.m.

XVII. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council transitioned out of executive session at 10:28 p.m.

1. Appointment to the Valdez City Council to Serve a Term of Office Expiring May 4, 2022

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Sorum to appoint Dennis Fleming to the Valdez City Council to serve a term of office expiring May 4, 2022.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

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

Vacancy: 1

MOTION CARRIED

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Scheidt adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.