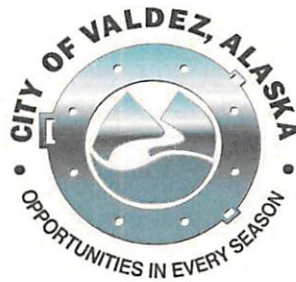


City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

City Council

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

Vacancy: 1

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 City Council Minutes- July 19, 2022

V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

VI. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proclamation- Coast Guard Day

2. Proclamation: Safe and Sound Week 2022

3. Appointments to City Boards and Commissions

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to approve all items on 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

Vacancy: 1

MOTION PASSED.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS**1. Approval of 2022 Annual Renewal of Certificate of Public Conveyance (Taxi License) for Valdez Yellow Cab**

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Wegner, to approve the 2022 Annual Renewal Certificate of Public Conveyance.

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

Vacancy: 1

MOTION PASSED.

2. Appointment of Vacant City Council Seat

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to appoint Olivia Foster to the vacant City Council seat for a term expiring in May 2023.

Ms. Olivia Foster and Mr. Larry Weaver expressed their interest in filling the vacant City Council seat and in serving the City of Valdez.

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

Vacancy: 1

MOTION PASSED.

3. Approval to Purchase a Used 2018 Volvo EC250EL Excavator from Construction Machinery Industrial, LLC in the Amount of \$189,800.00

MOTION: Council Member Fleming moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to approve the Purchase of a Used 2018 Volvo EC250EL Excavator from Construction Machinery Industrial, LLC in the Amount of \$189,800.00.

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

Vacancy: 1

MOTION PASSED.

4. Discussion Item: Meals Hill Project Funding Strategy

Mr. Nate Duval, Capital Facilities Director, updated Council on current issues with the Meals Hill funding strategy. He stated what they thought they were doing they could not do, and requested guidance from Council on how to move forward.

Council Member Wegner expressed interest in waiting to see if grant fund could be received before spending City funds.

Council Member Fleming asked if the remaining EVOS funds could be spent on design elements EVOS was interested in funding. Mr. Duval agreed, if Council was interested, yes. Although there would not be enough EVOS money to build everything EVOS designed.

Council Member Sorum noted there may be grants available as the project moved forward which would allow for further funding of different elements of the project.

Council Member Devens asked if grant funds could be applied for in the future if they were not received in the first round. Mr. Duval believed they could be, after altering projects to better fit criteria.

Council Member Love supported moving forward with EVOS funds, and expressed hesitation to the restroom facilities. She was not in support of using City funds on the project.

Mayor Scheidt expressed support of leveraging EVOS funds.

IX. ORDINANCES

- 1. #22-10 - Amending the Zoning Map to Effect a Change to Lots 3D and 3F, USS 3563, Plat 2000-4 to Commercial Residential. Second Reading. Adoption.**

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Love, to adopt Ordinance #22-10.

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

Vacancy: 1

MOTION PASSED.

- 2. #22-11 - Amending the Zoning Map to Effect a Change to Parcel B, ATS 10, Plat 98-35 to Light Industrial. Second Reading. Adoption.**

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to approve Ordinance #22-11.

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

Vacancy: 1

MOTION PASSED.

X. RESOLUTIONS**1. #22-46 - Authorizing the City Manager to Acquire a Public Utility Easement on Lot 1 Sleepy Hollow Addition #4 Owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**

MOTION: Council Member Wegner moved, seconded by Council Member Love, to approve Resolution #22-46.

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

Vacancy: 1

MOTION PASSED.

2. #22-47 - Establishing the Council Priorities for the 2023 City Operating Budget

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to approve Resolution 22-47 as amended.

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Wegner to amend Permanent Fund section of Attachment A to be more specific to the discussion of the Strategic Planning.

VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT:

Yays: 4 - Council Member Fleming, Council Member Love, Council Member Devens and Council Member Wegner

Nays: 2 - Mayor Scheidt and Mayor Pro Tem Sorum,

Vacancy: 1

MOTION PASSED.

VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION:

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

Vacancy: 1

MAIN MOTION PASSED.

3. **#22-48 - Amending the 2022 Budget by Transferring \$312,568 from Unassigned General Fund Balance to Various Departments in the General Fund, Port Fund, Harbor Fund, Airport Fund, and Utility Fund for the Purpose of Providing a 4.2 Percent COLA for All Employees**

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to approve Resolution #22-48.

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

Vacancy: 1

MOTION PASSED.

4. **#22-49 - Amending the 2022 City Budget by Recognizing \$3.6MM of Additional Revenues, and Appropriating \$1.4MM to Various Department Operating Expenses**

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to approve. The motion carried by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

Council Member Devens noted the increase in litigation over 2022. Council Members Fleming and Devens encouraged a more itemized list of larger items for transparency.

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

Vacancy: 1

MOTION PASSED.

XI. REPORTS

1. **Community Engagement Initiative - FlashVote Survey Provider**
2. **Local Utility Inflation Assistance (LUNA) Program Communications Report**
3. **Branding Update**
4. **Mid-year Marketing Update with Thompson & Co.**
5. **Procurement Report: Professional Services Agreement with RSA**

Engineering, Inc. in the Amount of \$46,627.00

- 6. Procurement Report: Professional Services Agreement with RSA Engineering, Inc. in the Amount of \$61,038.00**
- 7. Change Order Report: Change Order #1 with Harris Sand & Gravel, Inc. for VCT Transfer Ramp Repairs Project**
- 8. Monthly Treasury Report; June, 2022**
- 9. Report: DNR Public Comment Period Application for Cooperative Resource Management Agreement for Mineral Creek Trails on State of Alaska Lands**

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

1. City Manager Report

1. City Manager's Report 8/2/2022

Mr. Detter reviewed his written report included in the agenda packet, highlighting current City projects, design projects, meeting with the Chugach Corporation, the second quarter report from the Capital Hill Group, and the upcoming meeting with the Interim Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources to discuss gravel extraction.

2. City Clerk Report

Ms. Pierce reviewed the upcoming Council calendar.

3. City Attorney Report

Mr. Staser outlined projects and provided updates on cases his firm is working on behalf of the City, including

4. City Mayor Report

Mayor Scheidt updated Council on the Alaska Gasline Port Authority (AGPA) audit and confirmed Fairbanks still intended to split the cost of the audit with Valdez. She requested Staff bring forth a Resolution supporting the dissolve of AGPA.

XIII. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Council Member Sorum stated the Valdez Fisheries Development Association was looking at a pink salmon run return of 18 million fish, well above the forecasted numbers.

Council members encouraged the community to enjoy the Gold Rush celebrations.

Council Member Love thanked those who submitted letters of interest in serving on the vacant Council seat. She updated Council on the Child Care Assessment.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

XV. APPENDIX

1. City Attorney Billing Summary
2. City Council August 2022 Calendar

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA


Sharon Scheidt, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk

