
Seward City Council

Agenda Packet



Special City Council Meeting

Friday, November 9, 2018
Council Chambers, City Hall

Immediately following the adjournment
of the first special meeting

SPECIAL MEETING REQUEST

Pursuant to Seward City Code 2.10.030 (2), this is to serve as the written notice calling a Special City Council Meeting on Friday, November 9, 2018 immediately following the adjournment of the first special meeting for the purpose of:

Veterans Day Proclamation

Resolution 2081-087, Supporting The Efforts Of The Seward Association For The Advancement Of Marine Science D/B/A The Alaska SeaLife Center To Secure Financial Support For Funding For A Collection Of Major Maintenance And Replacement Projects.

The meeting will commence in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 410 Adams Street, Seward. All interested persons are invited to attend the meetings.

Signed this 7th day of November, 2018.

Mayor



City Manager

2 Council Members

Upon this request the City Clerk will give due and proper notice as required by SCC 2.10.032

(No business shall be transacted other than stated above.)

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Posted: Wednesday, November 7, 2018

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David Squires
Mayor
Term Expires 2019

Sue McClure
Vice Mayor
Term Expires 2019

Suzi Towsley
Council Member
Term Expires 2019

Jeremy Horn
Council Member
Term Expires 2019

Sharyl Seese
Council Member
Term Expires 2021

John Osenga
Council Member
Term Expires 2021

Kelley Lane
Council Member
Term Expires 2020

Jeff Bridges
Interim City Manager

Brenda Ballou
City Clerk

Will Earnhart
City Attorney

- 1. Call To Order**
- 2. Pledge Of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Citizen Comments On Any Subject Except Those Items Scheduled For Public Hearing.** *[Those who have signed in will be given the first opportunity to speak. Total time for this agenda item is 36 minutes.]*
- 5. Approval Of Agenda And Consent Agenda** *[Approval of Consent Agenda passes all routine items indicated by asterisk (*). Consent Agenda items are not considered separately unless a council member so requests. In the event of such a request, the item is returned to the Regular Agenda.]*
- 6. Special Orders, Presentations And Reports**

Veterans Day Proclamation
- 7. New Business**

Resolutions

Resolution 2018-087, Supporting The Efforts Of The Seward Association For The Advancement Of Marine Science D/B/A The Alaska SeaLife Center To Secure Financial Support For Funding For A Collection Of Major Maintenance And Replacement Projects.
- 7. Council Comments**
- 8. Citizen Comments**
- 9. Council And Administration Response To Citizen Comments**
- 10. Adjournment**

**CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2018-087**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD,
ALASKA, SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE SEWARD
ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF MARINE SCIENCE
D/B/A THE ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER TO SECURE FINANCIAL
SUPPORT FOR FUNDING FOR A COLLECTION OF MAJOR
MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the land and the building occupied by the Alaska SeaLife Center is owned by the City of Seward; and

WHEREAS, the Seward Association for the Advancement of Marine Science (SAAMS) and the City of Seward are parties to a lease, operation, and maintenance agreement of the Alaska SeaLife Center; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Alaska SeaLife Center is to generate and share scientific information to promote understanding and stewardship of Alaska's marine ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, for the last 20 years, SAAMS has operated the Alaska SeaLife Center year-round and has provided full-time employment in the City and is one of the communities largest private employers in terms of year-round benefited jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska SeaLife Center provides value in the community of Seward, not only economically, but also in terms of environmental stewardship, marine conservation, wildlife response, education, and scientific research; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to address the demands and wear of critical infrastructure in an aquatic facility and in a saltwater environment; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska SeaLife Center is submitting a proposal to the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council that, if funded, will help with critical major maintenance and repair projects that will contribute to and strengthen the Center's capacity to conduct more scientific research; and

WHEREAS, some proposed items include a major roof restoration, major maintenance on the water intake lines, and the replacement of the following items: the building automation system, a research vessel, and seawater pumps; and

WHEREAS, as a partner with the Alaska SeaLife Center, the City of Seward recognizes the importance of major maintenance and repair and support their efforts in seeking adequate funding as needed.

**CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2018-087**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA, that:

Section 1. The City Council supports the funding efforts of the Alaska SeaLife Center for repairs and improvements to further support its mission as stated above.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Seward, Alaska, this 9th day of November, 2018.

THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA

David Squires, Mayor

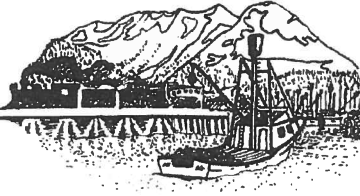
AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Brenda J. Ballou, MMC
City Clerk

(City Seal)

CITY OF CORDOVA



September 26, 2018

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
c/o Elise Hsieh, Executive Director
4230 University Drive, Ste. 220
Anchorage, AK 99508-4650

Dear Trustee Council,

Few of us would have predicted that thirty years after the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill, there would still be oil buried in sediments on beaches in Prince William Sound; that some bird and marine mammal species would remain unrecovered; that the herring population, which collapsed post-spill, would not yet have rebounded. But this is the situation we are in—the astounding situation where species, assets, and services are still recovering from impacts of the spill.

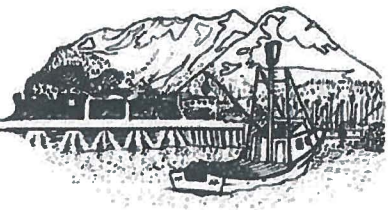
Your investment in long-term research has been critical to cataloguing and understanding the factors affecting recovery of populations and resources, and the Prince William Sound Science Center has been a key asset in those investigations. The Science Center has generated an enormous return on your research dollars, by raising additional funds for research focused in the spill-affected area equal to 85% of your investment.

I applaud the Trustee Council's mission, as until the ecosystem is recovered, our region will continue to incur economic losses as a result of the injured services and resources. Given that the recovery will continue over the upcoming decades, we need your continued investment in understanding the status of the injured resources and supporting their recovery. To that end, I urge you to provide robust funding to the Prince William Sound Science Center for construction of their new research and education facilities. They have been steadfastly building the body of knowledge around the spill-affected ecosystems to a greater extent than any other non-Trustee Agency entity in the region. As the city of Cordova pursues its harbor expansion plans, it is time for the Science Center to move out of the city-owned facilities it occupies and into facilities that will more robustly support their ability to complete integrated projects in the spill-affected area.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this request,

Clay Koplin
Mayor
City of Cordova

CITY OF CORDOVA



Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
c/o Elise Hsieh, Executive Director
4230 University Drive, Suite 220
Anchorage, AK 99508

Re: Prince William Sound Science Center Funding Request

Dear Ms. Hsieh:

It is with great enthusiasm I submit this letter of support for the Prince William Sound Science and Technology Institute project and EVOSTC funding. As a community, we are confident of and understand the important impact a new Science Center campus will have in Cordova. The proposed Science Center project will generate a new synergy in the community, creating additional national recognition for their outstanding research work and the community of Cordova. The project will enhance partnerships, fostering joint efforts with the City of Cordova, the Copper River Watershed Project and other community partners.

My tenure in Cordova as the City Manager began in late 2016. The City Council immediately initiated a Strategic Planning effort, covering months of visioning work and priority setting. One of the priorities immediately endorsed, was an effort to find a suitable, permanent home for the Science Center. The Science Center project has been enthusiastically endorsed, understanding the vitally important restoration work, fisheries research, a strong collaborative community approach, strong national recognition for their research work and valuable economic impact.

As Cordova City Manager, I enthusiastically commit to Cordova's support of the Prince William Sound Science Center project and also commit our continued involvement and support to make the project a success. Timing is critical to coordinate ADOT, Science Center and City efforts, in the Shelter Cove area and the success of the project has far reaching, positive impacts for the City of Cordova and the region. Attached is the Cordova City Council Ordinance approving the sale of the property to the Science Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alan D. Lanning". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Alan D. Lanning