



City of Bethel

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Regular City Council Meeting

June 26, 2012

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers; Bethel, Alaska



City Council Meeting Agenda AMENDED
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
June 26, 2012-6:30 pm
City Hall 300 State Highway, Bethel, AK
City of Bethel Council Chambers

Joseph Klejka
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Council Member
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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD** – Five minutes per person
- V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND REGULAR AGENDA**
- VI. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a) P3 *5-22-2012 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
 - b) P11 *6-12-2012 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
 - c) P13 *6-13-2012 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
 - d) P15 *6-14-2012 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
 - e) P19 *6-18-2012 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
- VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**
 - a) Public Safety and Transportation Commission
 - b) Port Commission
 - c) Planning Commission
 - d) Parks and Recreation Committee
 - e) Finance Committee
 - f) Public Works Committee
 - g) Energy Committee
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a) P31 Public Hearing Of Ordinance 12-07: Modifying The Employee Classification Plan To Include The Information Technology Services Director As A Range III Management Employee (City Manager Foley)
 - b) P33 Public Hearing Of Ordinance 11-10 (d): Budget Modification For Fiscal Year 2012 (City Manager Foley)
 - c) P43 Resolution 12-12: Supporting A Mercury Risk Assessment Study, Mercury Transportation Accountability, And Mercury Monitoring As Conditions to Permitting The Proposed Donlin Gold Mine (Council Member Whitney)
 - d) P51 AM 12-24: Directing The Administration To Move Forward With The 100% Design Of The YK Regional Aquatic Health And Safety Center (City Manager Foley)
- IX. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a) P55 *Resolution 12-13: Supporting Kuimarvik-A Place To Swim And Designating A Member Of Administration And City Council As A Seated Member Of Their Board Of Directors (Council Member Robb)
 - b) P57 *Resolution 12-14: Authorizing Assignment Of Up To \$11,488 Of The Fund Balance Of The General Fund To Be Utilized For City Parks Development During Fiscal Year 2012 (City Manager Foley)
 - c) P59 AM 12-26: Council's Confirming Mayor's Appointment Of Pat Jennings To The Public Safety And Transportation Commission (Mayor Klejka)
 - d) P61 Council's Review Of The Privatizing Of The Recycling Center Request For Proposal (City Manager Foley)

Agenda posted on June 20, 2012, at City Hall, AC Co., Swansons, and the Post Office.

Lori Strickler, City Clerk's Office

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- e) P69 Council's Review Of The Water And Sewer Cost Analysis Request For Proposal (City Manager Foley)
- f) Overview And Possible Action/Direction To Administration Regarding The USDA Water And Sewer Projects To Include USDA Preplanning Grant, USDA Construction Grant, Water and Sewer Master Plan Update (Mayor Klejka)
- g) Mayor Klejka's Appointment Of A Council Member To The Kuimarvik Board Of Directors (Mayor Klejka)
- h) *Personal Leave Request For The City Manager June 28th and 29th (City Manager Foley)
- i) *Personal Leave Request For The City Clerk July 9th-13th (Mayor Klejka)
- j) P95 Review Of Attorney Applicants; Determining Which Attorneys To Interview; Arranging Tentative Interview Dates And Reviewing Approving The Draft Interview Questions (Mayor Klejka)
- k) P117 Council's Consideration Of Options In Moving Forward With The YK Regional Aquatic Health And Safety Center (Mayor Klejka)
- l) Review Of YK Regional Aquatic Health and Safety Center RFP For Contracting Services On Modified Design Build Construction (City Manager Foley)
- m) P165 City Manager Evaluation In Accordance To Section 6 Employee Evaluation, Of The Employment Contract [Employee Requested An Open Session Discussion](Mayor Klejka)
- n) P205 Upon A Satisfactory Annual Evaluation, The Council's Consideration Of An Annual Raise To The City Clerk Per Employment Contract (Mayor Klejka)

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

XI. MANAGER'S REPORT

XII. CLERK'S REPORT

XIII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Matters, Unless The Person Has Requested To Have The Subjects Discussed In Public- Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of A Person-City Clerk Annual Evaluation In Accordance To Section 6. Employee Evaluation, Of The Employment Contract (Mayor Klejka)
- b) Matters, Unless The Person Has Requested To Have The Subjects Discussed In Public- Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of A Person-City Manager Evaluation In Accordance To Section 6. Employee Evaluation, Of The Employment Contract (Mayor Klejka)

xv. ADJOURNMENT

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Approval of the Minutes

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City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on May 22, 2012 at 6:30pm, at the City Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice-Mayor Peltola called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Member Kent Harding
Council Member Gene Jr. Peltola
Mayor Joseph Klejka (participated telephonically)
Council Member Mary Sattler (participated telephonically)
Council Member Rick Robb
Council Member Eric Whitney
Council Member Mark Springer

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Manager Lee Foley
Executive Assistant to the City Manager Danielle Tucci

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

John Wallace-

He spoke about the need to get the dust on the roads under control. Stated Ptarmigan and Kasayuli are in bad conditions.

Beverly Hoffman-

Praised the Council for their help and hard work with the Kuimarvik partnership. Supports John Wallace on the dust issues. Talked about clean up green up efforts.

Willy Keppel- Sat at AC and Swanson's to get names for petitions. There have been 172 signatures received to go to special election.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to approve the consent and regular agenda.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend the agenda, to move Item C under New Business, Establishing And Outlining A Plan For The Future Development Of The YK Regional Aquatic Health And Safety Center To Include Partnership Relationships And Bringing Awareness Of Resolution 10-21, Which Has Been Postponed Resolution 10-21, in front of Item B, under Unfinished Business.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Item A- 4-24-2012 Special City Council Meeting.
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item B- 5-3-2012 Special City Council Meeting.
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item C- 5-8-2012 Regular City Council Meeting.
Passed on the consent agenda.

Item D- 5-9-2012 Special City Council Meeting.
Passed on the consent agenda.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Item A- Public Safety and Transportation Commission
Council Member Harding-
A Commission meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

Item B- Finance Committee
Finance Director Bobby Sutton-
Next meeting will be held this Thursday.

Item C- Energy Committee
Council Member Whitney-
A Committee meeting has not been held since last City Council Meeting.

Item D- Port Commission
Pete- Nothing happened at the meeting.

Item E- Parks & Recreation Committee
Sattler-
A Committee meeting has not been held since the last City Council Meeting.

Item F- Planning Commission
Council Member Robb-
Talked to people and told them to call or email with their concerns. Action to accept the plat behind the hospital. Plat was approved on where to put the buildings and such.

Item G- Public Works Committee
Mayor Klejka-
Talked about quite a few things and a few are on tonight's agenda. Talked about a design build for the pool.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item A- Public Hearing Of Budget Ordinance 12-06: An Ordinance Establishing A City Of Bethel Budget For Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Beginning July 1, 2012.

Vice-Mayor Peltola opened the public hearing.

Willy Keppel- We need to put more money into our savings. Money from pool needs to be used to build a road through the donut hole.

Vice-Mayor Peltola Closed the public hearing.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to adopt Budget Ordinance 12-06.
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SECONDED:	Harding	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

NEW BUSINESS

Item C- Establishing And Outlining A Plan For The Future Development Of The YK Regional Aquatic Health And Safety Center To Include Partnership Relationships And Bringing Awareness Of Resolution 10-21, Which Has Been Postponed.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to suspend the rules to allow comments from community members.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Beverly Hoffman- Spoke in favor of the partnership.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to direct the City Clerk to contact Kuimarvik to set up a Special Meeting with Kuimarvik, City Council and Administration at the earliest convenience.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item B- Resolution 12-12: Supporting A Mercury Risk Assessment Study, Mercury Transportation Accountability, And Mercury Monitoring As Conditions To Permitting The Proposed Donlin Gold Mine (as amended by council on 5-8-2012).

MOVED:	Springer	A motion to adopt Resolution 12-12 was made at the May 8 th Regular City Council Meeting, by Whitney and seconded by Springer.
SECONDED:	Sattler	

MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to postpone 12-12 until next regular meeting.
SECONDED:	Harding	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	5-1 Motion passes, Robb opposed	

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- AM 12-22: Adding A City Representative To The Kumarvic Board Of Directors.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to adopt AM 12-22.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend AM 12-22, to insert a council representative to the board of directors.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
MOVED:	Klejka	Motion to amend 12-22 to "request" a council member and city representative to join the group.
SECONDED:	Robb	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend, to authorize administration and a council representative as the official designee to Kuimarvik.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MOTION	3-4 Motion fails, Harding, Peltola, Klejka and Springer opposed	
VOTE ON MOTION	5-2 Motion passes, Harding and Springer opposed	
VOTE ON MOTION	5-2 Motion passes, Harding and Springer opposed	
MOVED:	Springer	Motion to take a five minutes break.
SECONDED:	Whitney	

VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	5-2 Motion passes, Harding and Springer opposed

Item B- AM 12-23: Directing The Administration To Move Forward With The 100% Design of The YK Regional Aquatic Health And Safety Center.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to postpone AM 12-23, until after the Council meets with Kuimarvik.
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item C, moved to follow Item A, under Unfinished Business.

Item D- Directing Administration To Reissue The Request For Proposal For The Recycling Center.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to direct administration to reissue the RFP for the Recycling Center and amend it to make it more user friendly.
SECONDED:	Klejka	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item E- Directing Administration To Provide The Cost Analysis Request For Proposal On To The Public For Review And Comment Via The City's Website/ General Discussion Surrounding the Release Of The Proposal And Council's Requests.

MOVED:	Klejka	Motion to direct the City Manager to provide the Cost Analysis Request for Proposal to the public for review and comment.
SECONDED:	Harding	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item F- A Plan For Implementation Of Enforcement Of Ordinance 09:12:
Banning The Use Of Plastic Bags And Polystyrene Containers.

MOVED:	Klejka	Motion to direct the City Manager to Enforce Ordinance 9:12, regarding the banning of plastic bags, within 60 days to include fines and to provide a notice to the business via letter.
SECONDED:	Sattler	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
6-1 Motion passes, Robb opposed		

XII. MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Klejka departed the meeting at 8:19pm.

XIII. MANAGERS REPORT

XIV. CITY CLERK’S REPORT

XV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Sattler- Thankful for clean up green up. Thank all organizations around town who are making an effort to clean up. Happy summer time.

Council Member Robb- The city attorney and getting applicants is really good. We should set up a process to start interviewing. It’s the council’s responsibility to hire an attorney. Any help the admin gives is will be needed. Animal control is a big deal; I like to idea of people volunteering. Congratulate the 49 BRHS graduates. Memorial Day is coming up. Summer is starting so safe boating. The BATH is a really good thing for our community.

Council Member Springer- Dust control-slow down a little bit so it won’t kick up to much. Slow down. Everyone is looking forward to coming to Bethel for the summer meeting.

Council Member Whitney – I determine which side to ride my bike by the way the wind is blowing. The dust affects visibility. The river is open wear your life jackets.

Council Member Harding- Schools are about to end. Lots of children are out playing. Caution people to drive safely

Vice-Mayor Peltola-Thank all the organizations helping with clean up green up. Thank people who came forward for people to be heard. Congratulate the BRHS graduates. Everyone be safe and wear a life jacket.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Harding	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 8:35PM

Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Danielle Tucci, E.A. to the City Manager

City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on June 12, 2012 at 6:30pm, at the City Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Joseph Klejka called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Member Joseph Klejka
Council Member Mark Springer
Council Member Rick Robb

ABSENT: Council Member Kent Harding
Council Member Gene Jr. Peltola
Council Member Mary Sattler
Council Member Eric Whitney

STAFF: City Clerk Lori Strickler
City Manager Lee Foley

Due to a lack of a quorum, the meeting is adjourned.

Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2012

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on June 13, 2012 at 6:30pm, at the City Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Joseph Klejka called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present

Council Member Robb
Mayor Klejka

Absent:

Council Member Whitney
Council Member Harding
Council Member Sattler
Council Member Springer
Vice-Mayor Peltola

Others Present:

City Manager Foley
City Clerk Strickler

Due to a lack of a quorum, the meeting was adjourned.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 6:35p.m.

Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2012

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on June 14, 2012 at 12:00pm, at the City Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Joseph Klejka called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Springer
Council Member Robb
Council Member Harding
Vice-Mayor Peltola
Mayor Klejka

Absent: Council Member Sattler
Council Member Whitney

Others Present: City Manager Lee Foley
City Clerk Lori Strickler

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to approve the agenda.
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

Vice-Mayor Peltola declared a possible conflict of interest.
The Council deliberated on the positional conflict of interest.
Mayor Klejka ruled Council Member Robb did not have a conflict of interest.

Council Member Robb declared a possible conflict of interest.
 Mayor Klejka ruled Council Member Robb did not have a conflict of interest.

Mayor Klejka declared a possible conflict of interest.
 Council Member Springer ruled the Mayor did not have a conflict of interest

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to move into a committee of the whole.
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Institutional Corridor Feasibility Study And City And Proposed City Modification.
- b) Institutional Corridor Project Funding Sources.
- c) Alaska Department Of Environmental Conservation Municipal Grant/Loan Program To Fund The Institutional Corridor.
- d) Partnership Arrangements/Memorandum Of Agreement Terms Between The City And Institutional Corridor Constituents Regarding Project Development.

Council Member Robb departed the meeting at 1:15p.

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to move to move into a committee of the whole.
SECONDED:	Harding	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Harding	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2012

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on June 18, 2012 at 12:00pm, at the City Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Joseph Klejka called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Springer
 Council Member Robb
 Council Member Harding
 Council Member Whitney
 Council Member Sattler
 Mayor Klejka

Absent: Vice-Mayor Peltola

Others Present: City Manager Lee Foley
 City Clerk Lori Strickler

IV. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one wished to be heard.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Whitney	Motion to approve the agenda.
SECONDED:	Springer	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend to move Item A under New Business, to Item F under New Business.
SECONDED:	Springer	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor
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VI. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- Introduction Of Ordinance 11-10 (d): Budget Modification For Fiscal Year 2012.

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Finance Director Bobby Sutton.
SECONDED:	Harding	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to introduce Ordinance 12-07.
SECONDED:	Harding	
MOVED:	Springer	Motion to amend, to increase Land Planning and Development, Fund 25, to \$34,500 and; 10-40-401, to \$44,500.
SECONDED:	Robb	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item B- AM 12-25: Establishing A Process For Interviewing The City Attorney Applicants.

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to hold a special meeting to review the resumes and to identify candidates the council would like to interview.
SECONDED:	Harding	
<i>Council Member Robb departed the meeting.</i>		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	5-0, Motion passes	

MOVED:	Sattler	Motion to attain the services of Sharon Sigmon to assist the council in the process of interviewing the candidate for no charge.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	5-0, Motion passes	

Council Member Robb returned to the meeting.

Item C- Approval Of The City Manager's Evaluation Form And Establishing An Evaluation Date.

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to maintain the current evaluation format.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	5-1 Motion passes, Robb opposed	

The Council determined the evaluation will take place at the Council's Regular City Council Meeting, June 26, 2012. The City Manager concurred to that date.

Item D - Modification Of The Contract Between The City Of Bethel And Architects Alaska Inc. For Completion of Specification Design Required For the Kuimarvik Pilings.

MOVED:	Robb	Motion to direct the City Manager to modify the contract with Architects Alaska Inc. to move forward with the pilings.
SECONDED:	Springer	
MOVED:	Robb	Motion to amend to insert "contingent on the ability to have the pilings produced in time for the last barge".
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

Item E- Options To Fund Purchasing Pilings For The YK Regional Aquatic Health And Training Center To Arrive By The Last Barge 2012.

Item F - Introduction Of Ordinance 12-07: Modifying The Employee Classification Plan To Include The Information Technology Services Director As A Range III Management Employee.

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to introduce Ordinance 12-07.
SECONDED:	Whitney	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

MOVED:	Springer	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Harding	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
All in favor		

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Adjourn at 12:55p.

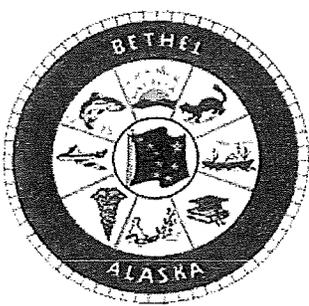
Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

Reports of Standing Committees

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ENERGY COMMITTEE Monday, June 4, 2012 – 6:30 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, AK

Members	I. Call to Order
Leif Albertson Chair	II. Roll Call
Mary Weiss Vice Chair	III. People to be Heard
Greg McIntyre	IV. Approval of Agenda -Agenda May 7, 2012 -Agenda June 4, 2012
Eric Whitney	V. Approval of Meeting Minutes -Regular Meeting March 5, 2012 -Regular Meeting April 2, 2012 -Regular Meeting May 7, 2012
Shari Neth	VI. Old Business A. Nuvista Regional Energy Committee update. (Greg McIntyre) B. Recycling Center Update. (Eric Whitney)
Alternate Members	VII. New Business A. Matrix of potential Energy projects. (Eric Whitney) B. Energy Projects tracking sheet, introduction of a working document designed to track various energy projects and ideas that may affect the city of bethel. (Eric Whitney) C. Establishing information/language to include in a recommendation to the City Council, supporting the reissuance of the Recycling Center RFP. (Leif Albertson) D. Establishing information/language to include in a recommendation to the City Council, regarding the council's decision to look at an Electricity Cooperative in Bethel.
Ex-Officio Member	IX. Committee Member's Comments
Danielle Tucci	X. Adjournment

Danielle M. Tucci

Agenda Posted 05/25/2012 at USPS, AC, Swanson's, and City Hall

PUBLIC NOTICE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION
Thursday June 14, 2012-6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers at City Hall
AGENDA

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Vacant

Ex-Officio Members

Vacant
Planning Director

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING MAY 10, 2012.
- VI. COMMUNICATIONS
- VII. COMMISSONER'S COMMENTS
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Small Boat Harbor Presentation (Port Director Pete Williams)
- X. ADJOURNMENT

POSTED June 8, 2012
AC, SWANSONS, CITY HALL
Next Planning Commission meeting will be July 12, 2012

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Unfinished Business

Action:
Vote:

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

ORDINANCE #12-07

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL MODIFYING THE EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION PLAN TO INCLUDE THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DIRECTOR AS A RANGE III MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEE

WHEREAS, the Bethel Municipal Code establishes Management Employees positions and their appropriate pay ranges based on their duties and responsibilities;

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Services Coordinator position performs management level duties as a supervisor of subordinate staff;

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Services Coordinator serves as a confidential employee due to the nature and duties of the position;

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best interest of the City of Bethel to reclassify the Information Technology Services Coordinator to the Information Technology Services Director with the full responsibilities of a department head;

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of Bethel, Alaska; that:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is permanent and general in nature and shall be placed in the Bethel Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Modification To Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 3.12.070.

This ordinance shall become a modification to section 3.12.070 of the Bethel Municipal Code:

Management Employees

Range	Position
Contract	City manager City clerk Parks and recreation director (per agreement with UAF) Staff Attorney

IV	None
III	Finance director Fire chief Police chief Port director Public works director City planner Human resources manager <u>Information technology services director</u>
II	Assistant finance director
I	Executive assistant to city manager

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2012.

ENACTED THIS _ DAY OF JUNE 2012 BY A VOTE OF _ IN FAVOR AND _ OPPOSED.

Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

Action:
 Vote:

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA
ORDINANCE #11-10(d) PROPOSED

An Ordinance of the Bethel City Council Amending the Adopted Annual FY 2012 Budget

Be it Enacted by the Bethel City Council that the FY2012 Annual Budget be amended as follows:

Section 1. That the following sums of money as may be needed or deemed necessary to provide for increased expenses and liabilities of the City of Bethel are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes and objects of the City hereinafter specified for Fiscal Year 2012, July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Section 2. The following is a summary of the changes by fund and department:

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

Budget Modification 12-4(A)

Changes to General Fund Revenues

	Increases	
1040400	Transient Lodging Tax	40,000
1040401	Sales Tax	137,600
1040405	Fish Tax	3,203
1042414	Community Dividend	2,855
1043422	Ambulance Revenue	30,000
1043424	Police Department PC Fees	560
1045437	BYC 4-H Projects	670
1045451	Taxi Cab Permits	1,820
1045456	Site Reviews	46,400
1049487	Investment Income	10,000
	Total Increases	273,108
	Decreases	
	Total Decreases	0
TOTAL	Net Change to General Fund Revenues	273,108

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

Budget Modification 12-4(B)

Changes to Administration Department line items

	Increases	
1051508	Leave Cashout	20,000
1051511	Medicare FICA	1,000
1051513	Life Insurance Premium Benefit	700
1051515	Unemployment	7,200
1051523	Prior Year IRS Penalty	194
1051545	Training/Travel	7,700
1051621	Electricity	9,500
1051669	Other Purchased Services	7,000
	Total Increases	53,294
	Decreases	
1051501	Salaries	
1051507	Longevity Bonus	(750)
1051516	Workmen's Comp	(545)
1051668	Hardware/Software Support	(822)
1051721	Insurance	(1,431)
	Total Decreases	(3,548)
TOTAL	Net Change to General Fund Appropriations	49,746

Budget Modification 12-4 (C)

Changes to City Clerk Department line items

Increases		
1052519	Utility Benefit	2,500
1052523	Prior Year IRS Penalty	76
1052541	Travel/Training Council	1,500
1052545	Travel/Training City Clerk	2,500
1052669	Other Purchased Services	1,500
1052682	Election Expenses	826
	Total Increases	8,902
Decreases		
	Total Decreases	0
TOTAL	Net Change to General Fund Appropriations	8,902

Budget Modification 12-4(D)

Changes to Finance Department line items

Increases		
1053515	Unemployment	10,000
1053523	Prior Year IRS Penalty	338
1053641	Auditing Expense	7,500
	Total Increases	17,838
Decreases		
1053507	Longevity Bonus	(750)
1053508	Leave Cashout	(17,088)
	Total Decreases	(17,838)
TOTAL	Net Change to General Fund Appropriations	0

Budget Modification 12-4(E)

Changes to Planning Department line items

Increases		
1054508	Leave Cashout	5,500
1054523	Prior Year IRS Penalty	107
	Total Increases	5,607
Decreases		
1054501	Salaries	(7,000)
	Total Decreases	(7,000)
TOTAL	Net Change to General Fund Appropriations	(1,393)

Budget Modification 12-4(F)

Changes to Fire Department line items

Increases		
1060506	Call Back Overtime	28,000
1060510	Social Security	2,000
1060523	Prior Year IRS Penalty	445
	Total Increases	30,445
Decreases		
1060501	Salaries	(30,445)
	Total Decreases	(30,445)
TOTAL	Net Change to General Fund Appropriations	0

Budget Modification 12-4(G)

Changes to Police Department line items

Increases		
1061502	Overtime	12,000
1061510	Social Security	1,500
1061511	Medicare	3,500
1061519	Utility Benefit	37,856
1061523	Prior Year IRS Penalty	1,203

1061621	Electricity	7,500
1061722	Insurance-Deductible Expense	10,000
	Total Increases	73,559
	Decreases	
1061507	Longevity Bonus	(3,250)
1061508	Leave Cashout	(30,000)
1061512	Group Health Insurance	(2,727)
1061515	Unemployment	(8,000)
1061516	Workers Comp	(12,000)
1061721	Insurance	(17,521)
	Total Decreases	(73,498)
TOTAL	Net Change to General Fund Appropriations	61

Budget Modification 12-4(H)

Changes to Public Works Administration Department line items

	Increases	
1065508	Leave Cashout	8,500
1065519	Utility Benefit	2,000
1065523	Prior Year IRS Penalty	67
1065623	Heating Fuel	5,000
	Total Increases	15,567
	Decreases	
1065515	Unemployment	(500)
1065602	Gasoline/Diesel/Oil	(1,200)
1065721	Insurance	(1,146)
	Total Decreases	(2,846)
TOTAL	Net Change to General Fund Appropriations	12,721

Budget Modification 12-4(I)

Changes to Streets and Roads Department line items

	Increases	
1066510	Social Security	1,000
1066519	Utility Benefit	3,000
1066523	Prior Year IRS Penalty	413
1066623	Heating Fuel	5,000
	Total Increases	9,413
	Decreases	
1066502	Overtime	(7,500)
1066507	Longevity Bonus	(3,000)
1066508	Leave Cashout	(7,500)
1066518	PERS	(7,000)
1066721	Insurance	(4,994)
	Total Decreases	(29,994)
TOTAL	Net Change to General Fund Appropriations	(20,581)

Budget Modification 12-4(J)

Changes to Property Maintenance Department line items

	Increases	
1070502	Overtime	22,000
1070510	Social Security	200
1070511	Medicare	700
1070515	Unemployment	6,500
1070518	PERS	7,000
1070523	Prior Year IRS Penalty	198
1070623	Heating Fuel	10,000
	Total Increases	46,598
	Decreases	
1070507	Longevity Bonus	(2,000)
1070512	Employee Group Benefits	(13,000)
1070519	Utility Benefit	(3,000)
1070721	Insurance	(1,576)

	Total Decreases	(19,576)
TOTAL	Net Change to General Fund Appropriations	27,022

Budget Modification 12-4(K)

Changes to Parks and Recreation Department line items

Increases		
1071510	Social Security	7,000
1071515	Unemployment	10,000
1071523	Prior Year IRS Penalty	232
1071680	Youth Center Theft and Vandalism	22,165
	Total Increases	39,397
Decreases		
1071507	Longevity Bonus	(750)
1071508	Leave Cashout	(15,000)
1071518	PERS	(10,647)
1071521	4H/UAF Agreement	(13,000)
	Total Decreases	(39,397)
TOTAL	Net Change to General Fund Appropriations	0

Budget Modification 12-4(L)

Changes to Community Service line items

Increases		
1072626	Senior Center - W/S/G	7,500
	Total Increases	7,500
Decreases		
	Total Decreases	0
TOTAL	Net Change to General Fund Appropriations	7,500

Budget Modification 12-4(M)

Changes to In-Kind and Transfers Line Items

Increases		
1073622	Cash Transfer - I.T. Services Fund	7,691
1073660	Cash Transfer - Water and Sewer Capital Project Fund	146,939
1073663	Cash Transfer - Land Planning and Development Fund	34,500
	Total Increases	189,130
Decreases		
	Total Decreases	0
TOTAL	Net Change to General Fund Appropriations	189,130

TOTAL CHANGE TO GENERAL FUND REVENUES		
	Total Increases	273,108
	Total Decreases	0
	Cumulative Change to General Fund Revenues	273,108

TOTAL CHANGE TO GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS		
	Total Increases	497,250
	Total Decreases	(224,142)
	Cumulative Change to General Fund Revenues	273,108

TOTAL CHANGE TO GF FUND BALANCE		
	Change to General Fund Revenues	273,108
	Change to General Fund Appropriations	273,108
	Cumulative Increase/Decrease to GF Fund Balance	0

SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND APPROPRIATIONS

Budget Modification 12-4(N)

Changes to Hauled Refuse Department line items

Increases		
5070523	Prior Year IRS Penalty	70
5070683	Minor Equipment	32,169
Total Increases		32,239
Decreases		
5070602	Gasoline/Diesel/Oil	(32,239)
Total Decreases		(32,239)
TOTAL	Net Change to Solid Waste Fund Appropriations	0

Budget Modification 12-4(O)

Changes to Landfill Operations Department line items

Increases		
5071502	Overtime	7,500
5071523	Prior Year IRS Penalty	117
Total Increases		7,617
Decreases		
5071508	Leave Cashout	(7,617)
Total Decreases		(7,617)
TOTAL	Net Change to Solid Waste Fund Appropriations	0

TOTAL CHANGE TO SOLID WASTE FUND BALANCE		
Change to Solid Waste Fund Revenues		0
Change to Solid Waste Fund Appropriations		0
Cumulative Increase/Decrease to Solid Waste Fund Balance		0

WATER & SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND APPROPRIATIONS

Budget Modification 12-4(P)

Changes to Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenue line items

Increases		
5142410	Trucked Water	25,000
5142412	Metered Piped Water Commercial	25,000
5143416	Contract Sewer	4,234
5145434	Utility Penalty/Interest	6,750
5145435	Reconnect Fees	2,700
5149495	Miscellaneous Revenue	65,000
Total Increases		128,684
Decreases		
Total Decreases		0
TOTAL	Net Change to Water & Sewer Fund Revenues	128,684

Budget Modification 12-4(Q)

Changes to Utility Billing Department line items

Increases		
5180508	Leave Cashout	500
5180523	Prior Year IRS Penalty	89
Total Increases		589
Decreases		
5180519	Utility Benefit	(589)
Total Decreases		(589)
TOTAL	Net Change to Water & Sewer Fund Appropriations	0

Budget Modification 12-4(R)

Changes to Hauled Water Department line items

Increases		
5181502	Overtime	12,000
5181523	Prior Year IRS Penalty	508
5181602	Gasoline/Diesel/Oil	15,000
5181623	Heating Fuel	15,000
5181722	Insurance Deductible Expense	3,250
	Total Increases	45,758
Decreases		
5181501	Salaries	(2,000)
5181507	Longevity Bonus	(1,000)
5181508	Leave Cashout	(23,000)
5181512	Employee Group Benefits	(7,500)
5181516	Workers Comp	(4,500)
5181519	Utility Benefit	(3,000)
5181621	Electricity	(3,000)
5181721	Insurance	(4,758)
	Total Decreases	(48,758)
TOTAL	Net Change to Water & Sewer Fund Appropriations	(3,000)

Budget Modification 12-4(S)

Changes to Piped Water Department line items

Increases		
5182501	Salaries	10,000
5182502	Overtime	32,500
5182511	Medicare	1,500
5182518	PERS	10,000
5182523	Prior Year IRS Penalty	138
	Total Increases	54,138
Decreases		
5182507	Longevity Bonus	(875)
5182516	Workers Comp	(1,731)
5182519	Utility Benefit	(4,000)
5182602	Gasoline/Diesel/Oil	(10,000)
5182623	Heating Fuel	(2,500)
5182721	Insurance	(1,445)
	Total Decreases	(20,551)
TOTAL	Net Change to Water & Sewer Fund Appropriations	33,587

Budget Modification 12-4(T)

Changes to Bethel Heights Water Treatment Department line items

Increases		
5183502	Overtime	20,000
5183508	Leave Cashout	24,000
5183519	Utility Benefit	4,500
5183523	Prior Year IRS Penalty	121
5183621	Electricity	65,000
	Total Increases	113,621
Decreases		
5183501	Salaries	(7,320)
5183507	Longevity Bonus	(1,375)
5183515	Unemployment	(1,108)
5183516	Workers Comp	(1,040)
5183623	Heating Fuel	(28,500)
	Total Decreases	(39,343)
TOTAL	Net Change to Water & Sewer Fund Appropriations	74,278

Budget Modification 12-4(U)

Changes to City Sub Water Treatment Department line items

Increases		
5184502	Overtime	15,000

5184508	Leave Cashout	7,800
5184523	Prior Year IRS Penalty	121
5184621	Electricity	27,500
	Total Increases	50,421
	Decreases	
5184501	Salaries	(10,000)
5184507	Longevity Bonus	(1,375)
5184511	Medicare	(1,000)
5184515	Unemployment	(750)
5184516	Workers Comp	(1,060)
5184519	Utility Benefit	(750)
5184623	Heating Fuel	(49,000)
5184721	Insurance	(1,336)
	Total Decreases	(65,271)
TOTAL	Net Change to Water & Sewer Fund Appropriations	(14,850)

Budget Modification 12-4(V)

Changes to Hauled Sewer Department line items

	Increases	
5185502	Overtime	25,000
5185510	Social Security	1,000
5185523	Prior Year IRS Penalty	499
5185623	Heating Fuel	15,000
	Total Increases	41,499
	Decreases	
5185501	Salaries	(10,000)
5185507	Longevity Bonus	(4,250)
5185508	Leave Cashout	(20,000)
5185515	Unemployment	(2,500)
5185519	Utility Benefit	(8,000)
5185602	Gasoline/Diesel/Oil	(70,000)
5185721	Insurance	(4,715)
5185722	Insurance Deductible Expense	(3,250)
	Total Decreases	(122,715)
TOTAL	Net Change to Water & Sewer Fund Appropriations	(81,216)

Budget Modification 12-4(W)

Changes to Piped Sewer Department line items

	Increases	
5186502	Overtime	32,500
5186508	Leave Cashout	1,000
5186510	Social Security	100
5186511	Medicare	500
5186523	Prior Year IRS Penalty	139
5186621	Electricity	55,000
5186683	Minor Equipment	35,000
	Total Increases	124,239
	Decreases	
5186501	Salaries	(10,000)
5186507	Longevity Bonus	(875)
5186512	Employee Group Benefits	(5,000)
5186515	Unemployment	(1,000)
5186516	Workers Comp	(1,463)
5186519	Utility Benefit	(3,500)
5186721	Insurance	(1,208)
	Total Decreases	(23,046)
TOTAL	Net Change to Water & Sewer Fund Appropriations	101,193

Budget Modification 12-4(X)

Changes to Sewer Lagoon Department line items

	Increases	
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5187502	Overtime	11,500
5187650	PERS	12,000
5187523	Prior Year IRS Penalty	42
	Total Increases	23,542
	Decreases	
5187501	Salaries	(3,000)
5187507	Longevity Bonus	(250)
5187515	Unemployment	(300)
5187516	Workers Comp	(500)
5187519	Utility Benefit	(800)
	Total Decreases	(4,850)
TOTAL	Net Change to Water & Sewer Fund Appropriations	18,692

	TOTAL CHANGE TO WATER & SEWER FUND REVENUES	
	Total Increases	128,684
	Total Decreases	0
	Cumulative Change to Water & Sewer Fund Revenues	128,684

	TOTAL CHANGE TO WATER & SEWER FUND APPROPRIATIONS	
	Total Increases	453,807
	Total Decreases	(325,123)
	Cumulative Change to Water & Sewer Fund Appropriations	128,684

	TOTAL CHANGE TO WATER & SEWER FUND BALANCE	
	Change to Water & Sewer Fund Revenues	128,684
	Change to Water & Sewer Fund Appropriations	128,684
	Cumulative Increase/Decrease to Water & Sewer Fund Balance	0

MUNICIPAL DOCK ENTERPRISE FUND APPROPRIATIONS

Budget Modification 12-4(Y)

Changes to Municipal Dock Department line items

	Increases	
5250508	Leave Cashout	2,100
5250515	Unemployment	4,000
5250623	Prior Year IRS Penalty	203
5250661	Vehicle Maintenance/Repair	19,000
	Total Increases	25,303
	Decreases	
5250501	Salaries	(9,135)
5250512	Employee Group Benefits	(1,500)
5250516	Workers Comp	(5,248)
5250721	Insurance	(4,420)
5250722	Insurance Deductible Expense	(5,000)
	Total Decreases	(25,303)
TOTAL	Net Change to Municipal Dock Fund Appropriations	0

	TOTAL CHANGE TO MUNICIPAL DOCK FUND APPROPRIATIONS	
	Total Increases	25,303
	Total Decreases	(25,303)
	Cumulative Change to Municipal Dock Fund Appropriations	0

	TOTAL CHANGE TO MUNICIPAL DOCK FUND BALANCE	
	Change to Municipal Dock Fund Revenues	0
	Change to Municipal Dock Fund Appropriations	0
	Cumulative Increase/Decrease to Municipal Dock Fund Balance	0

LEASED PROPERTIES ENTERPRISE FUND REVENUES

Budget Modification 12-4(Z)

Changes to Leased Properties Fund Revenues line items

	Increases	
5344445	State of Alaska - ACS Electricity Reimbursement	50,000
	Total Increases	50,000
	Decreases	
	Total Decreases	0
TOTAL	Net Change to Leased Properties Fund Revenues	50,000

LEASED PROPERTIES ENTERPRISE FUND APPROPRIATIONS

Budget Modification 12-4(AA)

Changes to Leased Properties Fund - Court Complex line items

	Increases	
5355621	Electricity	50,000
	Total Increases	50,000
	Decreases	
	Total Decreases	0
TOTAL	Net Change to IT Services Fund Appropriations	50,000

	TOTAL CHANGE TO LEASED PROPERTIES FUND REVENUES	
	Total Increases	50,000
	Total Decreases	0
	Cumulative Change to Leased Properties Fund Revenues	50,000

	TOTAL CHANGE TO LEASED PROPERTIES FUND APPROPRIATIONS	
	Total Increases	50,000
	Total Decreases	0
	Cumulative Change to Leased Properties Fund Appropriations	50,000

	TOTAL CHANGE TO LEASED PROPERTIES FUND BALANCE	
	Change to Leased Properties Revenues	50,000
	Change to Leased Properties Appropriations	50,000
	Cumulative Increase/Decrease to Leased Properties Fund Balance	0

EMPLOYEE GROUP BENEFITS INTERNAL SERVICE FUND APPROPRIATIONS

Budget Modification 12-4(AB)

Changes to Employee Group Benefits line items

	Increases	
5450723	Premium Life AD&D LTD	35,000
	Total Increases	35,000
	Decreases	
5450646	Claims Paid	(35,000)
	Total Decreases	(35,000)
TOTAL	Net Change to Employee Group Benefits Appropriations	0

	TOTAL CHANGE TO EMPLOYEE GROUP BENEFITS FUND REVENUES	
	Total Increases	0
	Total Decreases	0
	Cumulative Change to Employee Group Benefits Fund Revenues	0

	TOTAL CHANGE TO EMPLOYEE GROUP BENEFITS FUND APPROPRIATIONS	
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	Total Increases	35,000
	Total Decreases	(35,000)
	Cumulative Change to Employee Group Benefits Fund Appropriations	0

	TOTAL CHANGE TO EMPLOYEE GROUP BENEFITS FUND BALANCE	
	Change to Employee Group Benefits Fund Revenues	0
	Change to Employee Group Benefits Fund Appropriations	0
	Cumulative Increase/Decrease to Employee Group Benefits Fund Balance	0

VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND APPROPRIATIONS

Budget Modification 12-4(AC)

Changes to V&E Maintenance Department line items

	Increases	
5750502	Overtime	15,000
5750510	Social Security	1,000
5750623	Heating Fuel	30,000
	Total Increases	46,000
	Decreases	
5750501	Salaries	(20,000)
5750507	Longevity Bonus	(1,500)
5750508	Leave Cashout	(15,698)
5750516	Workers Comp	(5,562)
5750721	Insurance	(3,240)
	Total Decreases	(46,000)
TOTAL	Net Change to V&E Maintenance Fund Appropriations	0

	TOTAL CHANGE TO V&E MAINTENANCE FUND REVENUES	
	Total Increases	0
	Total Decreases	0
	Cumulative Change to V&E Maintenance Fund Revenues	0

	TOTAL CHANGE TO V&E MAINTENANCE FUND APPROPRIATIONS	
	Total Increases	46,000
	Total Decreases	(46,000)
	Cumulative Change to V&E Maintenance Fund Appropriations	0

	TOTAL CHANGE TO V&E MAINTENANCE FUND BALANCE	
	Change to V&E Maintenance Revenues	0
	Change to V&E Maintenance Appropriations	0
	Cumulative Increase/Decrease to V&E Maintenance Fund Balance	0

TOTAL CHANGE TO OVERALL CITY BUDGET

	Change to Revenues Increase/(Decrease)	451,792
	Change to Appropriations Increase/(Decrease)	451,792
	These changes <i>INCREASE</i> ↑ the overall expenditures/expenses of the City by	0

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ___ DAY OF JUNE 2012 BY A VOTE OF ___ IN FAVOR AND ___ OPPOSED.

ATTEST:

Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

Introduced by: Council Member Whitney
Date: May 8, 2012
May 22, 2012
June 12, 2012
June 26, 2012
Action:
Vote:

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 12-12 *(Amended 5-8-2012)*

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING A MERCURY RISK ASSESSMENT STUDY, MERCURY TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNTABILITY, AND MERCURY MONITORING AS CONDITIONS TO PERMITTING THE PROPOSED DONLIN GOLD MINE

- WHEREAS,** the type of geology found in the area of the Kuskokwim contains high concentrations of mercury and arsenic and has been referred to as the "mercury belt";
- ~~**WHEREAS,** recent studies conducted by the BLM on methyl mercury, as part of the Red Devil Mine Remedial Investigation process, have shown elevated mercury levels in streams where mining has occurred in the Kuskokwim drainage;~~
- WHEREAS,** the people of the Kuskokwim river watershed have traditionally enjoyed subsistence lifestyles which include consuming pike, burbot and predatory fish;
- WHEREAS,** there is currently a fish consumption advisory in effect along the middle Kuskokwim river because of methyl mercury content of some fish species;
- ~~**WHEREAS,** the proposed Donlin Gold Mine may process between 20 and 40 tons of mercury per year in the mill, which is unprecedented in Alaska;~~
- ~~**WHEREAS,** the current Alaska large mine permitting system may not require a mercury risk assessment study, mass balance analysis, air and water monitoring, or shipping manifests for transporting mercury;~~
- WHEREAS,** a risk assessment study performed by an independent contractor would benefit everyone living and fishing along the Kuskokwim River, as it would

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help ensure that future mines along the Kuskowim River are built to prevent mercury contamination;

WHEREAS, unknown amounts of mercury will be captured and exported off-site, and publicly available shipping manifests would provide accountability during transportation;

WHEREAS, air, water, and fish tissue monitoring during and after the life of the mine would provide timely mercury exposure levels and allow for immediate correction and mitigation should mercury contamination problems arise;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in order to protect the health of the people of the Kuskokwim river and their natural resources used for subsistence, the Bethel City Council urges the State of Alaska to require in permitting that Donlin LLC conduct a mercury risk assessment study, mandate that mercury transport manifests be publicly available, and that ongoing air, water, and fish tissue monitoring be conducted throughout the lifecycle of the mine to identify unforeseen mercury contamination of the Kuskokwim River Watershed.

ENACTED __, 2012 BY A VOTE OF 0 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 12-12 PROPOSED AMENDED LANGUAGE

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING SPECIAL CONSIDERATION OF MERCURY MANAGEMENT FOR LARGE SCALE MINING OPERATIONS ALONG THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER WATERSHED

WHEREAS, the type of geology found in the area of the Kuskokwim contains high concentrations of mercury and has been referred to as the "mercury belt";

WHEREAS, the people of the Kuskokwim have traditionally enjoyed subsistence lifestyles which include consuming pike, burbot and predatory fish;

WHEREAS, there is currently a fish consumption advisory in effect along the middle Kuskokwim River because of the methyl-mercury content of some fish species;

WHEREAS, neither the Alaska or Federal hardrock mine permitting systems address mercury emissions from off-gassing from tailings and waste rock;

WHEREAS, air, water, and fish tissue monitoring during and after the life of the mine (the time of actual mining and beyond that to include the life of the engineered tailings storage facility) would provide timely mercury exposure data and allow for immediate correction and mitigation should mercury contamination problems arise;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that because there are high levels of naturally occurring mercury in the Kuskokwim River drainage, the Bethel City Council requests the State of Alaska, and the Federal government examine potential mercury exposure pathways that may be incurred by large scale mining operations in the area, and to consider requiring ongoing air, water, and fish tissue monitoring be conducted as a permit requirement for large scale mining operations conducted within the Kuskokwim River watershed.

ENACTED THIS 26th DAY OF JUNE, 2012 BY A VOTE OF 0 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk



Fact Sheet: Mercury in Burbot (Lush) and Pike from the Middle Kuskokwim River Area – June 2, 2011

Fish and other traditional foods are very nutritious and are usually an excellent choice for a healthy diet. However, some fish may not be safe for women of child-bearing age and young children to eat in large amounts because they contain mercury.

Why are we concerned about mercury?

Mercury is a toxin that, at high levels, can damage the brain and other organs. Because they are still developing, young children and fetuses (unborn babies) are more sensitive to mercury than adults. Mercury in the mother's body can pass to the fetus.

Where does mercury in Alaska come from?

- *Natural sources* – these include breakdown of local bedrock into streams; forest fires and volcanoes.
- *Human-caused sources* – these include global air pollution from burning fuels and garbage, and mining runoff.
- Mercury deposited in wetlands is transformed by bacteria into *methylmercury*, which accumulates (builds up) in fish and other animals up the food chain.

How do I find out how much and which Alaska fish are safe to eat?

Various agencies, including the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management have measured mercury in different marine and freshwater fish species in Alaska. The Alaska Division of Public Health has developed consumption guidelines for women and children on how much of each fish they can safely eat, based on the amount of mercury in a variety of fish species. These guidelines:

- Reflect what we have learned from other states and national agencies.
- Include what we know from studying mercury in food and the effects of mercury on children.
- Include a large margin of safety so you can be safe even if you do not follow the guidelines strictly.
- Recommend that **women who are or can become pregnant (generally those aged 15 to 45 years), nursing mothers, and children aged 12 years and under** adjust their Alaska fish consumption by choosing to eat fish that are low in mercury, like salmon. Men, elders, teenage boys, and women past child-bearing age can safely eat unlimited amounts of most Alaska fish, including pike and burbot (or lush, as it is often called).
- Are available at: www.epi.hss.state.ak.us/eh/fish/FishConsumptionGuidelines.pdf.

Measuring mercury in people

Although mercury concentrations in fish can be used to help approximate mercury exposure in people who eat fish, Alaska has a program that tests for actual mercury levels in people through hair samples. ***If you are a woman of child-bearing age, you can get your hair tested and find out your own mercury levels – for free!*** Hair collection is done by a health care provider, and samples are sent to the Alaska State Public Health Laboratory. Results are sent back to the woman and her health care provider within 2 months. If you are one

of the very few women in Alaska who has a high hair mercury level, the Alaska Division of Public Health and your health care provider will work with you to help reduce your mercury exposure.

Mercury in the Middle Kuskokwim River area

The Middle Kuskokwim River area is a historic mining district, and also has naturally high concentrations of mercury in bedrock and sediments. Mercury testing in fish from this area was done in 2010, and the Alaska Division of Public Health has used those results to answer the question, "How much pike and burbot from the Middle Kuskokwim River area can women and children safely eat?"

This table shows current recommendations for fresh (not dried) pike meat, burbot (lush) meat, and burbot liver, from the Middle Kuskokwim River and nearby streams. Mercury concentrations increase toward the bottom of the table, so pike meat from the George River has the highest average concentration in this set of samples. Higher average mercury concentrations mean that fewer meals per month are recommended.

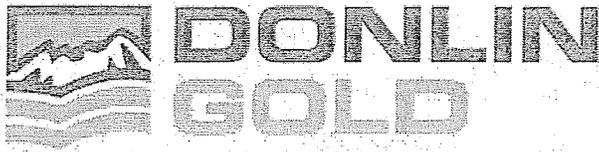
The following guidance is preliminary. It will be updated with final numbers and additional guidance for dried pike and pike of different sizes, when the testing is completed. For example, large pike (i.e., those longer than 2 feet) generally have higher mercury concentrations than small pike, even if they are from the same area.

**Preliminary Consumption Guidelines for Women and Children
Who Eat Pike and Burbot (Lush) from the Middle Kuskokwim River Area**

Fish species, tissue, and location	Mercury concentration (average, mg/kg, wet weight) ¹	Recommended meals per month
Burbot liver from the Mid-Kuskokwim River	0-0.15	Unlimited
Burbot liver from the George River Pike meat from the Stony River Pike meat from the Mid-Kuskokwim River	0.15-0.32	up to 16
Burbot meat from the Mid-Kuskokwim River	0.32-0.40	up to 12
Pike meat from the Holitna River Burbot meat from the George River	0.40-0.64	up to 8
Pike meat from the George River	0.64-1.2	up to 4

¹ From State of Alaska guidelines, *Fish Consumption Advice for Alaskans: A Risk Management Strategy to Optimize Public Health*, available at: www.epi.hss.state.ak.us/bulletins/docs/rr2007_04.pdf.

For more information: Contact the Alaska Division of Public Health, 3601 C St., Suite 540, Anchorage, AK 99503, (907) 269-8000 or www.epi.hss.state.ak.us/eh/fish/.



May 2, 2012

Honorable Joe Klejka
Mayor
City of Bethel
PO Box 1388
Bethel, AK 99559

RE: Resolution #12-12

Dear Mayor Klejka:

Donlin Gold appreciates the opportunity to comment on the City of Bethel Resolution #12-12, relating to a mercury assessment study, mercury transportation accountability, and mercury monitoring as conditions to permitting the proposed Donlin Gold Mine.

The Donlin Gold project is a proposed gold mine located approximately 12 miles inland from the village of Crooked Creek on lands owned by the Calista Corporation and the Kuskokwim Corporation. The project is a 50:50 partnership between NovaGold and Barrick Gold. Donlin Gold LLC is the operating company that manages the project. If developed it would be one of the largest gold mines in the world, with an estimated 33 million ounces of gold. Up to 3,000 jobs are anticipated during the 3-4 year construction phase of the project, including port construction, and between 800-1,400 jobs during the 27 year mine life.

Donlin Gold has spent over 16 years doing exploration work, project design and extensive environmental studies to define the project and better understand the baseline environmental conditions as well as potential impacts of the mine. We understand the concerns people in the region have with regard to mercury. Mercury management will be an important aspect of the mine operations, including the capture of mercury from air emissions and its shipment to a federally regulated facility outside Alaska. This process will follow strict requirements set forth in the mine's operating permits.

The permitting process for the Donlin Gold project will take at least 3 years to complete and will be managed by Federal and State regulatory agencies whose job it is to protect the public. Nearly 100 permits and authorizations would be required to construct and operate the mine. We hope to submit an application for the first permits sometime this summer.

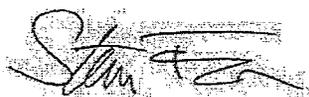
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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is expected to be the lead federal agency conducting an Environmental Impact Statement as will be required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Coordination of State of Alaska permits will be conducted by the Large Mine Permitting Team (LMPT). The LMPT is an interagency group, coordinated by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Office of Project Management and Permitting that works cooperatively with federal resource agencies and the Alaskan public to see that projects are designed, operated and reclaimed in a manner consistent with the public interest.

The regulatory agencies will lead a robust process that will involve multiple public comment periods and a comprehensive review of all possible impacts, including the potential environmental and human health concerns for mercury as well as other contaminants. A variety of state regulations will drive the mercury review, including air quality (18AAC 50); groundwater, surface water, and solid waste (18 AAC 70); wastewater (18 AAC 72 and 18 AAC 83) and solid waste (18 AAC 60). Permits will require systems to monitor mercury and contain or control it to standards designed to protect public and environmental health.

Mayor Klejka, we appreciate the concerns expressed in resolution #12-12. While several of the whereas sections do not relate to Donlin Gold, the questions and concerns specific to Donlin Gold will be considered by the government agencies responsible for permitting our project. Donlin Gold is fortunate that Barrick Gold is a world leader in mercury management. Barrick's expertise in this field, using state of the art technology, will be an asset in working with the agencies to develop mercury monitoring and controls. We urge the city council to familiarize itself with the project, familiarize itself with the permitting process, and participate to the extent needed to protect the interests of the community of Bethel. We support a rigorous permitting process that will consider public input and the best available science. The project will be a better one with a well informed public that participates in the public comment periods ahead.

Sincerely,



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City of Bethel Action Memorandum

Action memorandum No.	12-24		
Date action introduced:	May 22, 2012	Introduced by:	City Manager
	June 12, 2012		
	June 26, 2012		
Date action taken:		<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Confirmed by:			

SUBJECT/ACTION:

Directing Administration to advance to 100% Completion of the Design Phase of the YK Regional Aquatic Health and Safety Center Previously Known as the BATH Center.

Route to:	Department/Individual:	Initials:	Remarks:
	Finance Director		
	Parks and Recreation Director		
	Public Works Director		

Attachment(s):

Amount of fiscal impact		Account information:
	No fiscal impact	
X	Funds are budgeted for.	
	Funds are not budgeted. Budget modification is required. Affected account number:	

The current Kumarvik Board is in favor of moving forward with completion of the design phase of the BATHC from 65% to 100%. If Council concurs, and so directs, the Administration will contact Architects Alaska and have the design phase completed using current BATHC funds on hand.

