
City of Bethel, Alaska

Finance Committee Minutes

Monday October 10, 2016

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on October 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Finance Director's Office.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Willard at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Committee, the following were present:

Albertson, Shantz, Trantham, Willard, Russell

Excused absences: Cochrane, Shear

Unexcused absences: Egoak

Also in attendance were the following:

Hansel Mathlaw-Finance Director-Filling in as recorder

Patty Burley- City Attorney

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Jim Valcarce- Thanked all for service. Exemption currently in code. Currently all sales over \$10K capped; new revision doesn't not limit that. Less than 10% of his cases are in Bethel. If this is done away with it will hurt the client. Juneau has a cap (\$7500).

Eileen Arnold- Special exemptions still a concern. If non-profits have more than 2 fundraisers a year they will be expected to pay something to the city. This sounds problematic for nonprofits fundraising. For refunds, it should be a year or at least quarterly. 30 days is too short.

Buck Buckowski- Speaking on behalf of non-profits. Tax on inventory proposed? Sales are bad, gave most to the city. By law they have to donate. City gets the biggest donation.

Shane Iverson- On behalf of KYUK. Gaming tax, some concerns. The inventory style tax sounds like it will cause an accounting problem.

MOTION: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	Russell	To approve the agenda.
SECONDED BY:	Albertson	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF September 26, 2016 Regular Meeting

MOVED BY:	Shantz	To approve the minutes from the Sept. 26 meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Russell	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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OLD BUSINESS

1. Sales Tax Code – Finance Director and Committee.

MOTION: To go into committee as a whole

MOVED BY:	Shantz	To go into committee as a whole.
SECONDED BY:	Russell	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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MOTION: To come out of committee as a whole.

MOVED BY:	Shantz	To come out of committee as whole.
SECONDED BY:	Trantham	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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COMMENTS

Finance Director- No comments.

Member Trantham- Would like to put the budget on a meeting agenda. (to review the FY 17 budget.)

Council Member Comments-As we give exemptions lets also look for revenues. We have 2 new council members. Impressed with pool management but concerned with revenue. Alcohol tax doing well.

Member Shantz- No comments.

Member Russell- No comments

Chair Willard- Thank you everyone for coming and I appreciate everybody's time. We will see everybody next on the 24th. 6:30-8:30 on the taxes and 8:30-9:00 PM for our other agenda item.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	Shantz	Meeting was adjourned.
SECONDED BY:	Russell	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF October, 2016.



Carole Jung, Recorder



Carol Ann Willard, Chair