
City of Bethel, Alaska

Planning Commission-Special Meeting

Feb. 2, 2016

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Planning Commission was held February 2, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the City of Bethel Council Chambers room, in Bethel, Alaska.

Chair Shantz called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Compromising a quorum of the Committee, the following members were present for roll call: Joy Shantz, Kathy Hanson, Nikki Hoffman, Kurt Kuhne, and Cliff Linderoth. Excused were John Guinn and Lorin Bradbury.

Ex-Officio members present were the following: Planning Director Ted Meyer and Recorder Betsy Jumper. Also present was City Attorney Patty Burley and City Manager Ann Capela.

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD (5 minute limit) Nobody wished to be heard.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Applicant: Bethel Spirits, LLC, is applying for a Conditional Use Permit to open a Package Store. The Legal Description is United States Survey 1002, lot 1, in Bethel, Alaska 99559. The physical address is 750 Front Avenue.
- B. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Applicant: Fili's Restaurant is applying for a Conditional Use Permit to obtain a Liquor License. The Legal Description is United States Survey 3770, lot 1, block 6, in Bethel, Alaska 99559. The physical address is 110 Osage Avenue.

Chairman Shantz opened the public hearing.

Item A.

The Planning Director introduced himself and presented a report on the Bethel Spirits Conditional Use permit application.

Applicant Ana Hoffman of Bethel Spirits LLC presented a history of the request for a permit for a liquor store and the site location.

Wishing to be heard was:

- Father Chuck Peterson spoke in opposition of a package store;
- Father Thomas also spoke in opposition of a package store.

After a discussion, and finding the applicant met most of the conditions set forth in BMC 18.60.040 (B)(1) through (10), the Planning Commission moved:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BETHEL SPIRITS, LLC CONDIONAL USE PERMIT WITH CONDITIONS

MOVED:	Kurt Kuhne	To approve the Bethel Spirits LLC Conditional Use Permit, with the condition that the building has adequate lighting surrounding the building for safety reasons.
SECONDED:	Kathy Hanson	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor Motion passes 4 yes and 1 abstained	

Item B.

The Planning Director went over the Fili's Conditional Use application, such as zoning, the history of the building, and characteristics of the neighborhood.

Applicant Kadri Limani of Fili's presented the request for a liquor license, and how all the conditions met all requirements of the City of Bethel.

Wishing to be heard was:

--Citizen Ana Hoffman spoke of concerns with Ridgecrest Drive being a main artery and what would happen if Ridgecrest were blocked off due to an accident.

After a discussion, and finding the applicant met most of the conditions set forth in BMC 18.60.040 (B)(1) through (10), the Planning Commission determined:

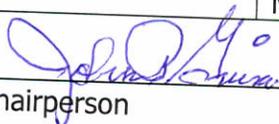
MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FILI'S CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

MOVED:	Kurt Kuhne	To approve the Conditional Use Permit, with the conditions that Ridgecrest Drive be blocked off for safety reasons, and also to look at the possibility of installing a guardrail near the embankment in the parking area.
SECONDED:	Kathy Hanson	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor Motion passes - 5 yes and 0 opposed	

Chairman Shantz closed the public hearing.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Kathy Hanson	Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40.
SECONDED:	Kurt Kuhne	
VOTE ON MOTION	All in favor Motion passes - 5 yes and 0 opposed	

 , John Guinn,
Chairperson

ATTEST:  , Betsy Jumper
Recorder