

Presented By: Council Member Harding
Date: April 23, 1996
Action: Failed
Vote: 2-Yes, 4-No

RESOLUTION #96-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BETHEL, ALASKA, REQUESTING REMUNERATION, REIMBURSEMENT, AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS.

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel recognizes the time and personal effort council members give to the community, and the public entrusts the city council members with the governance of the municipality of Bethel, and

WHEREAS, Council Members, like city officials and administrators, need in-service training, and as part of their job, need to participate in professional development activities that help them understand their responsibilities, stay abreast of new developments in local government and learn new ways to cope effectively with the problems they confront.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL requests that each member of the city council be entitled to receive a monthly or per meeting stipend based on attendance and as determined annually in May of each ensuing year; that stipends would not exceed \$25.00 per day and would be paid for no more than two meetings per month. Stipends would be paid out of the amount that is allowed through the City Clerk's budget for operations.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, THAT city council members are strongly encouraged to attend at least one city government development program or seminar each year. Funds for city council member training, development and related travel shall be budgeted annually. Such activities may include local, state and regional workshops, conferences, conventions, including but not limited to those offered by the Alaska Municipal League. City council members shall report on the development activities they attend at a regular council meeting as soon as possible after the council member returns.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, THAT city council members shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending any meetings or in making any trips on official business for

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the City of Bethel, when so authorized in advance by the city council in accordance with the city per diem rates and travel policies and procedures.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 1996.

ATTEST:

Ruth M. Richardson, Mayor

L. J. Tanner, City Clerk