

Introduced by: Council Member Shantz  
Date: February 10, 2003  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: Unanimous

## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **RESOLUTION #03-03**

#### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO CONSTRUCT A POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITY**

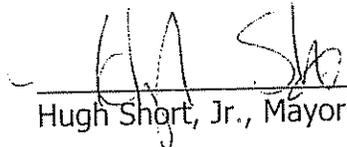
- WHEREAS,** The City of Bethel recognizes that a viable police and public safety facility is paramount for the safety and health of a community; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Bethel Police Station is outdated and in poor condition, and is inadequate in size and security, and has inadequate evidence and armory storage, does not have training space, and the City desires to build a new police facility coupled with adequate training space for law enforcement, and;
- WHEREAS,** The City of Bethel Police Department operates the only 9-1-1 dispatch center in the region, and;
- WHEREAS,** The City Council recognizes that the community is growing which places a large demand on the police department, and that the police department has poor retention of its officers, and;
- WHEREAS,** The City of Bethel envisions a new facility that meets the needs of the Police Department while offering a wealth of public safety services to the community, and;
- WHEREAS,** The City's goal is threefold—First, provide for a new public safety facility; Second, as a direct result, foster better retention among police officers and dispatchers; Third, provide for career development by giving the necessary tools to police officers allowing them to use their skills to teach public safety courses, while providing space to bring needed law enforcement trainers to Bethel rather than continually flying officers to other communities for training, and;
- WHEREAS,** It is important to design the facility so that it is suitable for the needs of the police department today including the latest information technology, and recognizing that construction of a police facility should take into consideration the future growth of the police department, and;
- WHEREAS,** It is important to identify a site for the police department so that capital grants may be sought and to assist in moving this project forward, and;

**WHEREAS**, The City of Bethel wishes to underscore its desire to build a new police department in the best interest of the police department and the community it serves.

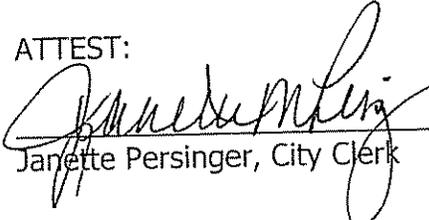
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that City of Bethel has determined a Bethel Police Facility to be a priority for the community. The City Council supports the city administration's efforts to construct a new public safety facility.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that City administration is directed to research possible sites for a new police department and present site options to the City Council within 60 days of the adoption of this resolution.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2003, by a unanimous voice vote.**

  
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Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Janette Persinger, City Clerk