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# City of Bethel City Council Meeting Minutes

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December 28, 2007

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

A Special Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on December 28, 2007 at 12:00p, in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

The City Clerk announced that Mayor Kenick has officially resigned her position as Mayor and as a City Council Member as of December 28, 2007 and will not be in attendance at the Special Meeting.

Council concurred to nominate Council Member Leinberger as Mayor Pro Tempe

Mayor Pro Tempe Leinberger called the meeting to order at 12:02p.

## **II. ROLL CALL**

### **Members present:**

Vice-Mayor Eric Middlebrook  
Council Member Tundy Rodgers  
Council Member Dan Leinberger  
Council Member Tiffany Zulkosky  
Council Member R. Thor Williams (in attendance at 12:19p)

### **Members absent:**

Mayor Mary Kenick  
Council Member Yolonda Jorgensen

### **Others present:**

Senator Lyman Hoffman (telephonically)  
Representative Mary Nelson (telephonically)  
Lobbyist Paul Richards (telephonically)  
City Attorney Sharon Sigmon  
City Clerk Sandra Modigh

## **III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

*None*

#### IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

<b>MOVED:</b>	Zulkosky	To approve agenda for the December 28, 2007 Special City Council Meeting.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Rodgers	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		
Carried unanimously		

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

##### **Item A- Discussion of Governor Palin's FY09 Proposed Budget and the City of Bethel's Legislative Priorities with Invited Guests, Senator Lyman Hoffman & Representative Mary Nelson**

Mayor Pro Tempe Leinberger advised Council and all other in attendance that the Governor's budget does not have funding allocated for any of the City of Bethel priorities passed by Council in resolution 07-35 and requested suggestions from our representative on how to proceed.

Senator Hoffman stated that the Community Dividend or Revenue Sharing is currently in the House Finance Committee and that the PERS & TERS is currently in the Rules Committee waiting for the house to take action on the Education Task Force recommendations. Senator Hoffman stated that he hoped both will be taken care of early in the session.

Senator Hoffman inquired about the Jail House expansion project which was not placed on resolution 07-35 as a City of Bethel priority.

Senator Hoffman advised Council that at this time the budget represents departmental requests and that the community priorities/requests will be discussed in January.

Representative Nelson noted that revenue sharing will be a bit different this year because it includes capitol matches which can be used for public good.

Representative Nelson inquired whether the City of Bethel has discussed partnering with YKHC on the Multiuse Recreation Facility project and tackling this project from multiple funding sources.

Mayor Pro Tempe Leinberger informed our representatives of our ad hoc committee created for the multiuse recreation facility.

Senator Hoffman stated that health & safeties are top priorities for the budget and that the word recreation may not be considered a priority.

Council and attendees discussed the Jail House Expansion Project and the City of Bethels previous action in favor of the project.

Representative Nelson inquired whether or not the City of Bethel has requested any federal funding for our public safety priorities and suggested a resolution in favor of decreasing household energy costs.

Fuel costs and PEC's were discussed.

Council Member Williams advised our representatives that the Bethel Utility Company is hindering us on moving forward with alternative energy efforts and requested help on this matter.

Senator Hoffman advised Council to forward a written request to our Legislators requesting assistance with the BUC matter along with an alternative energy resolution.

Council Member Williams volunteered to draft an alternative energy resolution

Our representatives and lobbyist advised Council to begin gathering the City of Bethel priorities in August of each year to ensure the requests are reviewed prior to the draft of the Governor's budget.

Council was advised that our priorities may still be added to the budget however, this is a very competitive process with the City and other agencies within the City of Bethel.

Council was advised to earmark funds for capitol projects for possible fund matching of our priorities.

Council thanked Senator Hoffman, Representative Nelson, and Lobbyist Paul Richards participating in this special meeting.

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Rodgers	To adjourn the meeting at 12:52p.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Zulkosky	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	Carried: 4 - 1 Williams voting against	

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 12:52p.

**APPROVED THIS 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2008.**

  
Eric Middlebrook, Vice-mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sandra Modigh, City Clerk