

Introduced by: City Manager Herron
Date: October 8, 2002
Action: Passed
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution #02 – 30

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO SECURE GRANT FUNDING FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY PRIORITIES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLANNING PROJECT

- Whereas,** The City of Bethel and Orutsararmiut Native Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding to work together and with the community to develop a community strategic plan, and;
- Whereas,** The MOU also states the City of Bethel and ONC will use the final adopted strategic plan as a guide in making agency decisions for the long-range benefits of the community of Bethel, and;
- Whereas,** The City of Bethel will apply for \$30,000 under the Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development, Division of Community and Business Development Mini-grant program, and;
- Whereas,** After several months of preparation, the first of many community planning meetings is October 10, 2002, with a goal of adoption of the final community strategic plan by May 2003, and;
- Whereas,** Many community leaders are actively involved with the community planning process, which began in July 2002, and fully support the development of a community-driven strategic plan, and;
- Whereas,** While there are many people working together on this community strategic plan, professional strategic planning consultant services are needed, and;
- Whereas,** Consultant services would serve to assist the community in linking goals, objectives and benchmarks; linking the Bethel plan with the regional plan; developing action plans that are realistic and obtainable, and;
- Whereas,** Funding is needed for the printing of the final strategic plan, and;

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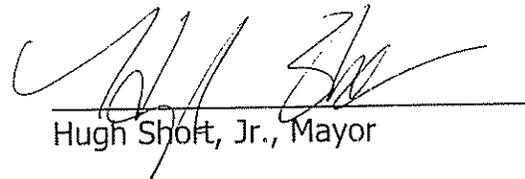
Whereas, Developing a useable, realistic community strategic plan is *vital* for the community of Bethel, and this plan would truly be beneficial in that agencies would be better able to identify goals of the community and be better positioned to work together to obtain those goals, and;

Whereas, There is a 10 percent matching requirement for the grant, and the City of Bethel and Orutsararmiut Native Council will provide \$1,500 each for this matching requirement.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the City of Bethel, City Council, supports City Administration's efforts to secure funding for professional services to assist with the development of the Bethel Community Priorities and Economic Development Strategic Plan.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF OCTOBER 2002, by a unanimous voice vote.


Jarrette Persinger, City Clerk


Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor