Introduced by: Lee Foley, City Manager
Date: January 13, 2009
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Vote: 7-0

# *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

## Resolution # 09-04

### SUPPORT FOR THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF SFY 2010 MUNICIPAL HARBOR FACILITY GRANT

**WHEREAS,** the Port of Bethel is critical to the City of Bethel, villages in the Kuskokwim Delta, and the Donlin Creek Mine project because it provides the most inexpensive form of transportation for food, supplies, vehicles, equipment, building materials, petroleum products, and commodities like sand and gravel;

**WHEREAS,** the Alaska Legislature passed landmark legislation in 2006 establishing a new 50/50 matching grant program called the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program;

**WHEREAS,** as an eligible applicant with an eligible project, the Port of Bethel is interested in applying for Municipal Harbor Facility Grant funds;

**WHEREAS,** the City of Bethel owns its harbor facilities and organized the Port of Bethel, as a City department, to manage the facilities, including its operation, maintenance, and capital improvement projects;

**WHEREAS,** PND Engineers, Inc., under contract with the City of Bethel, prepared plans and cost estimates to improve the Small Boat Harbor's east bank with geotextile fabric and gravel and install bollard piles at the City Dock and Petro Dock;

**WHEREAS,** the total project cost will not exceed $600,000 and if funded, fifty percent of the project cost will need to be reappropriated in the FY 2010 Bethel City Council's Adopted Annual Budget, Erosion Repair and Bank Stabilization Project (Account #52-50-773), where the funds will be available after July 1, 2009 and serve as the local match requirement;

**WHEREAS,** the City of Bethel is capable of completing the project within eighteen months after award of a Municipal Harbor Facility Grant;

**WHEREAS,** the City of Bethel has adequate marine liability insurance for all Port facilities;

**WHEREAS,** the City of Bethel intends to adhere to its existing port facility preventive maintenance plan before, during, and after completion of the proposed project;

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**WHEREAS**, the Port of Bethel revenues are sufficient to operate and maintain the harbor facility in the future without state assistance, including total replacement at the end of its design life;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bethel City Council supports the preparation and submission of a grant application to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) that requests funding for three Port of Bethel projects: (1) Small boat harbor improvements, and (2) bollard pile installation at City Dock, and (3) bollard pile installation at the Petro Port.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Bethel agrees, subject to available Legislative funding and selection by DOT&PF, to enter into a grant agreement with the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for a Municipal Harbor Facility Grant.

**ENACTED THIS 13th DAY OF JANUARY 2009 BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.**

for Vice-Mayor
Tiffany Zulkosky, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk