

Introduced by: Mayor Dymont &
Council Member
Williams

Date: April 26, 2005

Action: Passed

Vote: 7-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution #05-16

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING THE BETHEL PLANNING COMMISSION GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO A PROPOSAL BY THE ST. SOPHIA RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH REGARDING A LAND EXCHANGE WITH THE CITY OF BETHEL.

WHEREAS, the parishioners of the St. Sophia Russian Orthodox Church desire to build a new church at a readily accessible location within Bethel;

WHEREAS, the Russian Orthodox Diocese of Alaska recognizes the centrality of their Bethel parish for the Russian Orthodox faithful in western Alaska and in the future may wish to build a resource center for clergy and parishes from the region;

WHEREAS, the St. Sophia Russian Orthodox Church is proposing a land exchange with the City of Bethel of their current property for a new property of similar size and value;

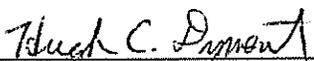
WHEREAS, the people of Bethel benefit from strong, vibrant and growing faith communities;

WHEREAS, the people of Bethel would benefit by having the land at the former St. Sophia Church site available for use as an alternative cemetery or other municipal purpose;

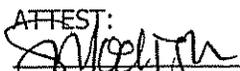
WHEREAS, the City of Bethel, when possible, has the authority and responsibility to assist non-profit organizations in fulfilling their missions of serving the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Bethel City Council hereby requests that the Bethel Planning Commission duly consider the benefits of a land exchange between St. Sophia Russian Orthodox Church and the City of Bethel, and that the city Planning Department propose for consideration by the St. Sophia parish council three possible sites suitable for development of a church complex.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF APRIL 2005, BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.



Hugh Dymont, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sandra Modigh, City Clerk
City of Bethel, Alaska