

Introduced by: Don W. Baird, City Manager
Date: October 23, 2007
Action: Passed
Vote: 7-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 07-33

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURSUIT OF DENALI COMMISSION WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDS TO PAY FOR PHASE 2 OF THE RIVER BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT EXTENSION

WHEREAS, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, separated the River Bank Stabilization Project Extension into Phase 1 (rip rap deposit) and Phase 2 (tieback replacement);

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, completed Phase 1 of the River Bank Stabilization Project Extension during summer 2007;

WHEREAS, the Corps' Letter Report (2001) describing the River Bank Stabilization Project Extension said, "recent hydrologic surveys of the Kuskokwim River upstream of the Bethel city dock indicate severe scour of the river bottom;"

WHEREAS, the Letter Report stresses that "the riverbank of the Kuskokwim is the economic basis for much of the community and it is vital that it be stabilized to provide protection from further erosion" and that if scour is able to continue, the pipe pile bulkhead "could fail catastrophically;"

WHEREAS, the Denali Commission's Waterfront Development Program is seeking nominations for FY 2008 projects by November 1, 2007;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel will request approximately \$566,000 from the Denali Commission and use it to meet the local match requirement of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the \$2.1 million project cost;

WHEREAS, the City plans to contribute the cost of easements, other in-kind that can be identified, and cash, if needed, to the project to help secure the Denali Commission grant funds;

WHEREAS, the City pledges to continue to maintain the seawall improvements resulting from completion of this project and expects those maintenance costs to be substantially reduced as a result of the project;

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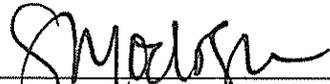
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council authorizes the City Administration to pursue FY 2008 Denali Commission waterfront development program funds to help pay for Phase 2 of the River Bank Stabilization Project Extension.

ENACTED THIS 23rd DAY OF OCTOBER 2007 BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.



Mary Kenick, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Modigh, City Clerk