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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## City Council Minutes

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April 5, 2005

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

A Special Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on April 5, 2005 at 6:30p in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Dyment called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following were present:

Dave Trantham  
Hugh Dyment  
R. Thor Williams  
Dan Leinberger

Andy McGowan (arrived 6:33p)  
Yolanda Jorgensen

Excused Absence (s):

Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers

Also in attendance were the following:

Bob Herron, City Manager  
Sandra Modigh, City Clerk

### **PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

*None*

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Jorgensen	To approve the agenda as amended, adding upcoming Juneau travel as an agenda item and to add "at issue impending labor negotiations" to the end of the last sentence on the executive session agenda item.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Williams	

Council Member Williams requested adding discussion item of upcoming Juneau travel to the agenda.

Council Member Trantham stated the executive session agenda item is illegal (last sentence) per title 29 of the Alaska Statutes.

Council and Administration discussed the executive session agenda item wording.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Leinberger	To amend the executive session agenda item to read as follows: Receive legal advice and discuss proposed ground rules and/or other matters at issue in pending labor negotiations with City Employees Association #6055, and provide direction to the City's negotiators and legal counsel regarding the ground rules and/or other matters at issue impending labor negotiations.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	McGowan	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passes by a roll call vote of 5-1 (no-Trantham)
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<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-1, (no-Trantham)
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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item A- Review City Manager Applications**

Council Member discussed The City Manager applicants.

Council discussed keeping the position open, but to also considering more applicants.

Mayor Dymant suggested Council direct Administration to reopen the position, request specific advertising, and have administration complete the initial/preliminary screening of applicants.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	McGowan	To direct administration to begin preliminary background checks on the current applicants, set up interviews with local applicants, and to reopen and continue advertising for the City Manager position.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jorgensen	

Council Member and Administration discussed the motion on the table.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a roll call vote of 4-2 (Trantham & Williams)
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Williams	To conduct the local City Manager applicant interviews at the April 26, 2005 Regular City Manager Council meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Trantham	

Mayor Dymont suggested calling a Special Meeting to conduct the local applicant interviews.

Council Member Williams stated he would like to have the local applicants attend a Regular Council Meeting before conducting the interviews.

Mayor Dymont suggested a Special Meeting on April 11, 2005 at 5:30p.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Leinberger	To amend the motion to conduct the local City Manager applicant interviews on April 11, 2005 at 5:30p.m. (Special Council Meeting)
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	McGowan	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a roll call vote of 4-2 (no-Williams & Trantham)
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<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-1 (Trantham)
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Meeting recessed from 7:28p until 7:40p

**Item B- Choose management negotiation team for the upcoming collective bargaining agreement negotiations with City Employee Association Local #6055**

Council Member Trantham requested non-confidential information not be included in confidential packets.

Mayor Dymont suggested Council agree with Administrations proposed negotiating team.

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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	McGowan	To accept Administrations proposed negotiating team as amended, naming Louann Cutler as the City Attorney, Minnie Hightower as the recorder, and removing the wording "Lead Negotiator" until April 30 <sup>th</sup> and "Lead Negotiator" after April 30 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Leinberger	

Council Members discussed the proposed negotiating team with the City Manager.

Council Member Trantham requested all Council Members add the name Louann Cutler as the City Attorney in the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph and Minnie Hightower be named and added as the recorder.

Council Member Trantham stated he's opposed to having John Malone, Acting City Planner and City Manager Herron on the negotiating team.

Council Member Williams agreed with Council Member Trantham but stated he would like to see the City Manager on the negotiating team; not as lead negotiator.

Mayor Dymont spoke in favor of keeping the proposed negotiating team.

City Manager Herron explained his reasoning behind placing and keeping himself as the Lead negotiator.

Council Member discussion continued regarding the proposed negotiating team.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Trantham	To amend the motion to name Laurie Walters as the City's Lead Negotiator from the beginning to the end of the negotiating sessions.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Williams	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion failed by a roll call vote of 4-2 (yes-Williams & Trantham)
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Council Member Trantham requested the wording "Lead Negotiator" be removed from areas within Administrations proposed negotiating team.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Trantham	To amend the motion to remove City Planner John Malone from the City's negotiating team.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Williams	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion failed by a roll call vote of 4-2 (yes-Williams & Trantham)
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<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-1 (no-Trantham)
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Jorgensen	To proceed into executive session to receive legal advice and discuss proposed ground rules and/or other matters at issue in pending labor negotiations with City Employees Association #6055, and provide direction to the City's negotiators and legal counsel regarding the ground rules and/or other matters at issue in pending labor negotiations.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Leinberger	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-1 (no-Trantham)
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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council and two of the City's Negotiators (City Manager, Bob Herron and Fire Chief, George Young) entered into executive session from 8:19 p.m. until 9:17p.m.

**Item C-Upcoming Juneau Travel**

Mayor Dymant stated that he's unable to travel to Juneau and suggests Council Member Williams travel in his place.

City Manager Herron suggests three Council Members travel to Juneau to lobby.

Council agreed for Council Member Jorgensen, Williams, Trantham, and McGowan to travel to Juneau April 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> to lobby.

**ADJOURNMNET**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	McGowan	To adjourn meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Jorgensen	

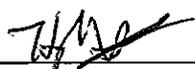
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion passed by Council concurrence.
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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

**APPROVED THIS DAY OF <sup>April</sup> ~~March~~, 12<sup>th</sup> 2005.**

ATTEST:

  
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 Hugh Dymant, Mayor

  
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 Sandra Modigh, City Clerk