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## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Resolution # 06-01**

#### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PURCHASE OF A SYSTEM TEN-SIXTY BALER AND DUMPSTER FENCING THROUGH DENALI COMMISSION GRANT FUNDS, IF APPROVED, AND PLEDGE TO COVER OPERATING/MAINTENANCE COSTS**

**WHEREAS**, the community of Bethel is expected to generate 7,578 tons of solid waste in 2006, nearly all of which will end up in the City's landfill;

**WHEREAS**, Bethel's 17.4 acre Class II landfill has a limited useful life, estimated to expire in 2014 under the current operating permit, before it must be capped and a new one opened;

**WHEREAS**, a spreadsheet calculation that considered past, present, and expected landfill operating costs and fill rates, estimates the value of each day the landfill is open to be worth \$9,335.60;

**WHEREAS**, the use of the System Ten-Sixty baler is expected to maximize the City's recycling effort at current staffing levels and add two years of life to the landfill, amounting to a savings in landfill time of \$970,902;

**WHEREAS**, the use of a System Ten-Sixty baler will maximize the use of the Recycling Center by producing 1,000 – 2,000 lb. bales of steel, tin, aluminum, plastics, shrink wrap, cardboard, paper, other materials to facilitate handling, shipping and recycling in Seattle, and the price paid in Seattle for Bethel-source recyclables;

**WHEREAS**, the Denali Commission and its partner organizations, in seeking to identify innovative solutions to technical and logistical challenges of traditional handling of municipal solid waste, have issued an FY 2006 Request for Proposals (RFP) for Solid Waste Management Projects;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bethel will request approximately \$78,836.50 from the Denali Commission to pay for the purchase of a System Ten-Sixty baler, baler maintenance supplies, and electrical service connection of 3 phase power to the Recycling Center;

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Bethel has a history of successful solid waste recycling investment that support the baler project: Recycling Center building, Solid Waste Coordinator position wages and benefits, dumpsters and other collection bins, pick-up truck, light equipment, and educational programs;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bethel intends to prepare a second proposal under the same Denali Commission RFP for up to \$35,000 to fund dumpster fencing as a way to contain blowing trash, reduce animal interaction, and facilitate control, transportation and storage of municipal solid waste;

**WHEREAS**, the FY06 Denali Commission proposals must be received by January 31, 2006;

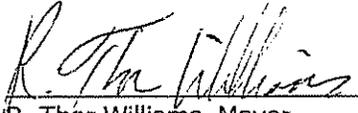
**WHEREAS**, no cash or in-kind match is required for funding received under an approved proposal;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bethel City Council supports the development of two proposals to the Denali Commission, that, if approved, would fund a commercial baler, electrical service connection to the Recycling Center, and dumpster fencing to help promote the City's recycling effort, extend the life of the landfill, and contain and control municipal solid waste around designated public dumpsters;

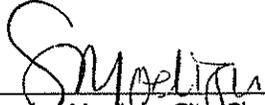
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Bethel pledges to pay the expenses associated with operating the System Ten-Sixty baler, which include electricity, baling wire, lubricants, maintenance, and other incidentals over the course of its useful life;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Bethel pledges to pay the annual maintenance expenses associated with the dumpster fencing funded by the Denali Commission.

**ENACTED THIS 31<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2006 BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.**

  
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R. Thor Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sandra Modigh, City Clerk