

**CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tad Miller**  
**Dario Notti**  
**Mike O'Brien**  
**Agnes Phillips, Mayor**  
**Ruth Richardson**  
**Stanley Rodgers**  
**Thor Williams**



**CITY MANAGER**  
**Ken Weaver**

**CITY CLERK**  
**L.J. Warren**

**City of Bethel**  
**Special City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**September 26, 1997**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was convened at 5:20 p.m. by Acting Mayor Rodgers at the City Offices.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Miller, Notti, O'Brien, Phillips (late), Richardson, Rodgers  
Absent: Williams (excused)

Also present: City Manager Ken Weaver, City Clerk L.J. Warren, City Planner John Malone, Planning Commission Chairman John Guinn, BNC President Marc Stemp, and Glenn Watson BNC's Land Committee Chairman.

**III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

There were no people to be heard.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

City Manager Weaver noted that, subsequent to publishing the agenda, Resolution #97-46 had been divided into two separate resolutions, so a Resolution #97-48 would need to be added to the agenda, as New Business Item C. In addition, Resolution #97-49, Requesting capital funds from the State for the Braund Building renovation, needed to be added to the agenda as New Business Item D. The City Clerk asked to add New Business Item E, Discussion and decision:using symbols on the local option ballot.

**motion** M/M Miller, 2nd by O'Brien, to approve the agenda as amended.

**vote** Voice vote. Motion carried, unanimously.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item A: Resolution #97-45, Crediting BNC For 381.73 Acres Of ANCSA Land relinquished to the City towards BNC's ANSCA §14(C)(3) Reconveyance obligation to the City as if it had been made under ANCSA §14(C)(3)**

**motion** M/M Miller, 2nd by Notti, to adopt Resolution #97-45.

Council member Richardson pointed out typographical errors on Resolutions 45, 46, and 48.

**vote** Voice vote. Motion carried, unanimously.

**Item B: Resolution #97-46, Accepting the reconveyance of certain public rights-of-way in Bethel from BNC pursuant to ANCSA §14(C)(3)**

**motion** M/M O'Brien, 2nd by Richardson, to adopt Resolution #97-46.

**vote** Voice vote. Motion carried, unanimously.

Mayor Phillips arrived at this time, and Acting Mayor Rodgers returned the chair to Mayor Phillips.

**Item C: Resolution #97-48, Accepting the reconveyance of a certain public right-of-way in Bethel (Noel Polty Road) from BNC pursuant to ANCSA §14(C)(3)**

**motion** M/M O'Brien, 2nd by Notti, to adopt Resolution #97-48.

**vote** Voice vote. Motion carried, unanimously.

**Item D: Resolution #97-49, Requesting grant funding under AS 37.06 for municipal capital projects, and agreeing to pay the local share for those projects.**

**motion** M/M Richardson, 2nd by Rodgers, to adopt Resolution #97-49.

**vote** Voice vote. Motion carried, unanimously.

**Item E: Discussion: Use of symbols on the local option ballot.**

The City Clerk explained that several people had requested the use of symbols on the local option ballot, to make the options more clear for people who have trouble reading. The use of a symbol portraying a store is not practical, because after being reduced to a small enough size to fit on the ballot, the symbol is not recognizable. A bottle symbol with a dollar sign was distributed for the Council's review.

Council member Miller stated that he felt the symbol over-simplified the actual question, and was sure that the election might be contested on the basis of the symbols. Mayor Phillips noted that the symbols may actually be more confusing, because someone could interpret the symbol of a bottle with a line drawn through it as a symbol of Bethel becoming dry, which is not a possible outcome of the election. Discussion followed.

**motion** M/M Notti, to include the symbols on the ballot.

**no second** Motion failed, no second.

**motion** M/M Miller, 2nd by Richardson, to NOT have symbols on the ballot.

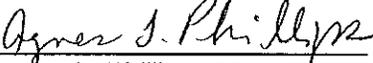
**vote** Voice vote. Motion carried, 5-Yes, 1-No (Notti)

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**motion** M/M by Miller, 2nd by Rodgers to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

**vote** Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1997.

  
Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
L.J. Warren, City Clerk