



City of Bethel
Parks, Recreation, Aquatic, Health & Safety Center Committee
Regular Meeting - Monday, June 8, 2020 6:00 pm
City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, AK

Brian Lefferts
Committee Chair
Term Expires 2020

Judy Wasierski
Vice-Chair
Term Expires 2021

Kathy Hanson
Committee Member
Term Expires 2021

Beverly Hoffman
Committee Member
Term Expires 2021

Garrett Hussion
Committee Member
Term Expires 2022

Rose Henderson
Committee Member
Term Expires 2023

Kathryn Baldwin
Alt. Committee Member
Term Expires 2020

Michelle DeWitt
Council Representative
Term Expires 2020

Stacey Reardon
YK Fitness Center Director

Corbin Ford
Property Maint. Forman
Ex Officio Member

Meetings will resume in-person participation. Participants will be required to wear facemasks while in the building and will be required to maintain six feet of distance between other participants.

We will also continue to hold meetings via Zoom.

To join this meeting, follow these instructions:

Go to the website, <https://zoom.us/join> or

Call: (888) 475-4499

Zoom Meeting ID: 566-285-696 Passcode: 367746

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Three minutes per person

We are still accepting written testimony from the public for each of our public meetings. Deadline to submit written testimony will be 4:00pm the day of the meeting. Please send written testimony to pwadmin@cityofbethel.net. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. May 11, 2020 Regular Meeting

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. City of Bethel Park Rules Signage
B. Sport's Field Fence
C. Phase II Multipurpose Facility
D. 2020 Committee Goals
E. Pinky's Park Developments and Updates

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Park Names
B. Clean up Green up
C. 4th of July Event
D. PFD Membership Sales
E. Proposed Health Fitness FY 2021 Budget
F. 0.5% of Sales Tax Dedicated to YK Fitness Ordinance
G. Park Concern/Issues
H. Health Fitness Contract

VIII. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REPORT

IX. YK FITNESS FACILITY DIRECTOR REPORT

X. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Posted June 2, 2020 at City Hall, AC Co., Swanson's, and the Post Office.

City of Bethel, Alaska

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic, Health & Safety Center Committee Minutes

May 11, 2020

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting was held on May 11, 2020 via Zoom. Brian Lefferts called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

II. ROLL CALL:

Comprising a quorum of the committee, the following were present for Roll Call: Brian Lefferts, Judy Wasierski, Kathy Hanson, Beverly Hoffman, Garrett Hussion, and Michelle DeWitt.

Also Present: Stacey Reardon and Charlie Dan

Unexcused Absence: Garrett Hussion

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOVED BY:	Beverly Hoffman	Motion to approve Agenda.
SECONDED BY:	Garrett Hussion	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED BY:	Beverly Hoffman	Motion to approve meeting minutes for 04-13-2020.
SECONDED BY:	Michelle DeWitt	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. City of Bethel Park Rules Signage- remove "Parks are for everyone to enjoy" and "Children must be attended by an adult"

B. Sport's Field Fence- seek \$25,000 for funding the fence

MOVED BY:	Michelle DeWitt	Motion to recommend the grant director to seek grant funding for the fence.
SECONDED BY:	Beverly Hoffman	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

C. Phase II Multipurpose Facility- Recommendation submitted

D. 2020 Committee Goals

E. Used Tax- the records are not clear and most likely will not sunset.

F. Recreational Services Contract Options

G. Pinky's Park Developments and Updates

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Park Names

B. Clean up Green up- June 6 1 PM, CUGU Pinky's Park-Fitness Center. Encourage people to "adopt a park"

C. 4th of July Event- Parade, no event

IX. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REPORT:

X. YKFC FACILITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS:

Brian Lefferts: No Comment

Judy Wasierski: Thank you, Michelle, for thinking about the committee goals while she is on Council.

Kathy Hanson: No Comment

Beverly Hoffman: Stay safe, stay healthy.

Garrett Hussion: Thanks everyone, see you next time.

Michelle DeWitt: Thanks everyone.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY:	Kathy Hanson	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED BY:	Judy Wasierski	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

Brian Lefferts
Committee Chair

Charlie Dan
Recorder of Minutes



Clean up, Green up! All Parks

June 6 at 1 PM

Alpar bags are available at:

Public Works

Fire Station

Port Office

YELLOW ALPAR BAGS ARE

**-NOT TO BE USED AS REGULAR TRASH BAGS AT
HOME/BUSINESS**

-NOT SAFE FOR FOOD PREPARATION/STORAGE

AS THE BAGS HAVE BEEN CHEMICALLY TREATED

Public Works 543-3110

Introduced by: Council Member DeWitt
Introduction Date: June 9, 2020
Public Hearing Date: June 23, 2020
Action:
Vote:

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #20-XX

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL CLARIFYING AND SUPERCEDING PRIOR ORDINANCES REGARDING FUNDING OF THE YUKON-KUSKOKWIM FITNESS CENTER AND REQUIRING ONE HALF OF ONE PERCENT (0.5%) OF ALL SALES TAX COLLECTED BY THE CITY TO BE HELD IN AN INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNT USED EXCLUSIVELY TO FUND THE DEVELOPMENT, EXPANSION, AND OPERATIONS OF THE YUKON-KUSKOKWIM FITNESS CENTER

- WHEREAS,** over the past fifteen years, the Bethel City Council has adopted uncodified ordinances associated with creating and funding the Yukon-Kuskokwim Fitness Center, also known from time to time as the Multiuse Recreation Facility, the Bethel Aquatic Training and Health Center, and other similar names;
- WHEREAS,** on October 25, 2005, the Bethel City Council unanimously passed Resolution #05-38, supporting development of a multiuse recreation facility in Bethel;
- WHEREAS,** on March 7, 2007, the Council adopted **Ordinance #07-08**, designating an annual budgetary allotment for the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of a multiuse recreational center, and further:
- designating an allotment of \$500,000 annually for the purpose of construction, operation, and/or maintenance of a multiuse recreation facility in Bethel;
 - requiring that \$500,000 be spent each year or saved in an interest bearing account for up to 2 years;
 - prohibiting the designated interest bearing account from accumulating more than \$1,050,000; and
 - requiring that the ordinance would become effective only if and after the voters approved a 2 year 1% sales tax increase in the October, 2007 general election;
- WHEREAS,** on May 22, 2007, the Council adopted **Ordinance #07-10**, amending Ordinance #07-08 by making the annual \$500,000 designation for the multiuse recreation facility contingent upon the voters approving, at the October, 2007 general election, a 1% sales tax increase for 2 years for

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planning, construction, operation, and costs, and a 5% sales tax increase for 18 years;

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2007, the Council adopted **Ordinance #07-21**, approving the following ballot proposition language for Proposition No. 1 on the October, 2007 general election ballot:

Shall the City of Bethel increase the sales tax and use tax by one (1) percent (total tax of 6%) for a period of 2 years followed by a decrease of a half (.5) percent (total tax 5.5%) which shall sunset on October 27, 2027?

WHEREAS, Ordinances #07-21 and #07-08 clearly tie sales tax increase to the multiuse recreation facility;

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2007, the majority of the voters, voting in the City's regular election, approved Proposition 1 as stated above;

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2007, the Council adopted **Ordinance #07-12 (B)**, a special budget ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2008 budget and transferring \$500,000 to the Multiuse Recreation Center Capital Project Fund;

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2008, the Council adopted **Ordinance #08-08**, amending Ordinance #07-08 by removing the \$1,050,000 account cap and the \$500,000 annual contribution identified in Ordinances #07-08 and #07-10, and instead designating contribution to the fund in an amount equal to the amount of total City sales tax revenue collected multiplied as follows:

FY 2009 = 16.67%
FY 2010 = 12.88%
FY 2011-2027 = 9.09 %
FY 2028 = 4.55%

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2009, the Council adopted **Ordinance #09-21**, approving the following ballot proposition language for Proposition No. 2 at the October, 2009 general election:

Shall the current sales and use tax be maintained in the City of Bethel at the rate of six percent (6%)? (Ordinance No. 09-21).

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Currently, the sales and use tax rate is six percent (6%). This sales and use tax rate of six percent (6%) is to be reduced on January 1, 2010 to five and one half percent (5.5%), and reduced further on October 2, 2027 to a rate of five percent (5%). A yes vote would cause the sales and use tax to be maintained at a rate of six percent (6%).

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2009, the majority of the voters, voting in the City's regular election, approved Proposition 2, causing the 6% sales tax rate to be maintained at that rate in perpetuity;

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2009, the Council adopted **Ordinance #09-25**, requiring that funds generated from sales tax revenue designated for the pool and recreation center be appropriated monthly to a designated interest bearing account;

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2010, the Council adopted **Ordinance #10-13**, which further amended Ordinance #07-08 to:

- Require transfer of an amount equal to one-half of one percent of sales taxes collected to a designated interest-bearing account established for use on the Bethel Aquatic Training and Health Center;
- Require that all funds deposited to the designated interest bearing account be allowed to accumulate as needed and be used to pay all expenses related to the development and operation of the Bethel Aquatic Training and Health Center, including but not limited to its design, promotion, construction, operation, and repair; and;
- Require the City Manager and/or his designee to administer the funds and ensure that the proceeds from the designated interest bearing account be spent for the purpose stated;

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2011, the Council adopted **Ordinance #11-20**, directing the administration to transfer all remaining pool and recreation facility monies held by the City into the designated interest bearing account;

WHEREAS, the foregoing string of ordinances and actions in totality create a picture of the Council's directives; however, the flurry of documents and amended actions render the legislative record unclear and Council directives difficult to decipher;

WHEREAS, an unclear legislative record is problematic, and a consolidated action representing current directives will make the collection, dedication, accounting, and spending of recreation center funds clear and concise for administration, the Council, the public, and the legislative record;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA:

SECTION 1. This is a non-codified Ordinance and shall not become part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Ordinances #07-08, #07-10, #08-08, #09-25, and #10-13 are hereby clarified and superseded as follows. To the extent this ordinance conflicts with the prior ordinances named in this section, this ordinance shall control.

SECTION 3. There is established a YK Regional Aquatic Health and Safety Center Fund. The fund is created to cover expenses related to the development, expansion, and operation of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Fitness Center, including but not limited to, design, promotion, construction, operation, repair, and maintenance of the facility.

SECTION 4. One half of one percent of all sales tax remitted to the City shall be deposited in an interest bearing account dedicated to the YK Regional Aquatic Health and Safety Center Fund. Sales tax collections designated to the fund shall include all sales taxes that the City is permitted to collect under the Bethel Municipal Code, whether the sale occurs in Bethel or through a remote seller. The one half of one percent sales tax designation described and directed under this section does not sunset and shall continue in perpetuity, absent further action by the Council.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately following adoption by the Bethel City Council.

ENACTED THIS ___ DAY OF MARCH 2020 BY A VOTE OF _ IN FAVOR AND _ OPPOSED.

Perry Barr, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk