
City of Bethel, Alaska

Finance Committee Minutes

May 23, 2011

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Finance Committee was held on May 23, 2011 at the City Council Chambers.

Council Representative Jennifer Schiedler called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Davis (arrived late) McDaniel Schiedler Trantham Willert

Excused absence(s): Kristof, Willard

Unexcused absence(s): None

Also in attendance were the following:

Bobby Sutton, Finance Director

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one present to be heard

SELECTION OF CHAIR PRO TEMPORE

MOVED BY:	Trantham	To select Jennifer Schiedler as Chair Pro Tempore.
SECONDED BY:	Willert	
VOTE ON MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

Councilmember Schiedler served as Chair Pro Tempore until Vice Chair Davis arrived.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	Trantham	To approve the agenda of May 23, 2011.
SECONDED BY:	Willert	
VOTE ON MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY:	Willert	To approve minutes of March 24, 2011 meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Item A: FY 2012 Proposed Budget – Finance Department (Finance)

Finance Director Bobby Sutton provided detailed explanation of the proposed budget for FY 2012 for the Finance Department. Several questions were asked with answers provided by the Finance Director. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Committee moved to do the following:

MOVED BY:	Willert	To support the Proposed FY 2012 Budget for the Finance Department by requesting Council Representative Schiedler to, on behalf of the Finance Committee, encourage City Council to approve the Proposed Finance Department Budget for FY 2012 with no reductions.
SECONDED BY:	Trantham	
VOTE ON MOTION	Carried unanimously.	

Vice Chair Davis arrived at the meeting during the discussion and moderated from this point forward.

Item B: Review of Police Station Grant Agreement (Trantham)

The Finance Director read directly from the grant agreement with the State of Alaska verifying that work on the FAA Building was allowed within the scope of work. All committee members were satisfied.

Item C: Comparison of Outsourced Payroll to In-house payroll (Willert)

Committee member Willert stated that with the analysis provided from the Finance Department demonstrating a significant savings by outsourcing, she felt this was now a mute point with no further discussion needed.

FINANCE DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

The Finance Director shared his appreciation for each one’s participation tonight. He especially wanted to thank Committee member Sadie McDaniel for her willingness to serve on the Finance Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Trantham – Shared his appreciation to Sadie McDaniel and for her willingness to serve on the committee. He also thanked the Finance Director for his efforts.

Member McDaniel – Thanked the Committee for the welcome. Commented that she was quiet tonight but was just taking everything in.

Vice Chair Davis – Apologized for being late arriving. Provided additional explanation.

Member Schiedler – Thanked the Finance Director. Also commented how nice it was to have a full committee.

Member Willert – No comment

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	Trantham	Motion to adjourn at 8:17 pm.
SECONDED BY:	Willert	

VOTE ON MOTION	Carried unanimously.
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With no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned ____ p.m.

APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF AUGUST, 2011.


Bobby Sutton, Finance Director


Chair, Carol Ann Willard