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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Finance Committee

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August 23, 2012

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Finance Committee held on August 23, 2012 at 6:45 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chair Carol Ann Willard called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

Comprising a quorum of the Committee, the following members were present for roll call:

Willard Peltola Priem Trantham

Absent:

Davis Kristof Willert

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

*Bobby Sutton- Finance Director*

*Eric Johnson- Assistant Finance Director*

*Sharri Salyers- Recorder*

### **III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

Brian Lefferts –

Public Safety and Transportation Commission, Presented information on the proposed ordinance establishing a sales tax on sales of sugar- sweetened beverages. Brian was in favor of the proposed ordinance and hoped that the ordinance would pass through the finance committee to be presented to the City Council for their review.

Jennifer Dobson-

Spoke in favor for the proposed ordinance establishing a sales tax on sales of sugar-sweetened beverages.

Rob Roehn-

Spoke in favor for the proposed ordinance establishing a sales tax on sales of sugar-sweetened beverages.

Colleen Hoehn-

Spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance establishing a sales tax on sales of sugar-sweetened beverages

Annette Sutton –  
Spoke against the proposed ordinance establishing a sales tax on sales of sugar-sweetened beverages.

Donna Bach-  
Spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance establishing a sales tax on sales of sugar-sweetened beverages.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF AUGUST 23, 2012**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Peltola	
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Priem	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Carried unanimously.	

**MOTION TO REMOVE**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Peltola	Motion remove B from New business
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Priem	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Carried unanimously.	

**MOTION TO REMOVE**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Peltola	Motion remove C from New business
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Priem	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Carried unanimously.	

**MOTION TO MOVE**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Peltola	Motion move E to A of New business
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Priem	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Carried unanimously.	

**MOTION to APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Peltola	
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Priem	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Carried unanimously.	

**VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Peltola	Motion to approve minutes of April 26, 2012
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Priem	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Carried unanimously.	

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Peltola	Motion to approve minutes of May 24, 2012	
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Priem		
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>			Carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Peltola	Motion to approve minutes of June 28, 2012	
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Priem		
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>			Carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Peltola	Motion to approve minutes Special meeting of June 4, 2012	
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Priem		
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>			Carried unanimously.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A: Review of Proposed Ordinance Establishing a Sales Tax on the Sale of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages.**

**MOTION TO**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Peltola	Motion to send proposed ordinance to city council.	
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Priem		
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>			

**MOTION TO**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Peltola	Motion to postpone to next regular meeting, for further discussion	
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Priem		
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>			Carried unanimously.

**B: Review of Amended Ordinance Purchasing 4.20.030(M), 4.20.090(E), 4.20.100(E), In Reference to Local Business Preference.**

**MOTION TO**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Priem	Motion to send proposed Amended Ordinance to City Council for their review.	
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Trantham		
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>			4-0 Motion passes, Willard, Peltola, Priem, Trantham

**C: Rescheduling Finance Committee Meeting**

**MOTION TO**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Priem	Motion to cancel regular scheduled meeting for December 2012.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Peltola	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
Carried unanimously.		

**MOTION TO**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Peltola	Motion to postpone rescheduling finance committee meetings for November and Summer to next regular scheduled meeting
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Priem	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>		
Carried unanimously.		

**IX. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS-**

- A RFP is going out for a pool project manager. And purchase of the piles for the pool project.
- RFPs are no longer to be reviewed by commissions or committees.
- Resolution 12-12 was passed by council.

**X. FINANCE DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

- Introducing new Assistant Finance Director Eric Johnson to the committee.
- Altman and Rogers has completed random sales tax audits on 12 to 13 local businesses.
- Finance Director will be sitting on a committee to review and approve the pool project manager.
- The Finance Department is in the process of year-end audit preparation.
- Auditors are scheduled to perform field tests for our annual audit October 8-13, 2012.

**XI. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMENTS**

Dave Trantham

- Had some concerns in regards to the sales tax on sugar-sweetened beverages.
- Great to have a quorum and welcomed Sadie back and congratulated her on her marriage.

Sadie Priem

- Had some concerns in regards to the sales tax on sugar-sweetened beverages.
- Concerns on deposit for Bethel Utility Corporation.
- Was married over the summer and last name is Priem now.

Carol Ann Willard

- Happy to see all the people to be heard this evening. It was very informative.

Gene Peltola

- Questions regarding selection criteria and weighting for random audits of business sales tax returns.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Peltola	
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Trantham	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Carried unanimously.	

Next meeting on September 27, 2012

  
Chairperson,

ATTEST:

  
Sharri Salyers , Recorder