

Introduced by: Vice-Mayor Robb
Date: August 12, 2014
Public Hearing: August 26, 2014
Action:
Vote:

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

ORDINANCE #14-16

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING KUIMAVIK-A PLACE TO SWIM AS THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE YUKON
KUSKOKWIM REGIONAL AQUATIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Bethel City Council wishes to promote a community based pool where various organizations within the community can play a part in the effective operation of the facility and the programs within to ensure long term sustainability of such a necessary fixture for our Region;

WHEREAS, with the operations of the Yukon Kuskokwim Regional Aquatic Health and Safety Center "pool" expected to commence in the fall of 2014, the Bethel City Council is looking for a group of committed individuals to, in an advisory capacity, consider matters pertaining to the ongoing operation and maintenance of the pool pertaining to programming, policies with respect to recreation and use, determine ways to generate revenue, and to help the City determine future capital expenditures;

WHEREAS, Kuimavik-"A Place to Swim" is an organized body established in 2011 with the intent to fund-raise and construct an aquatic and fitness center in Bethel to teach water safety, health and fitness and to provide exercise opportunities for youth and adults;

WHEREAS, Kuimavik's Board of Directors consists of, but is not limited to the CEO/President of the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Director of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Kuskokwim Campus, Executive Director of Yuut Elinaurviat-People's Learning Center, Superintendent of Lower Kuskokwim School District, Executive Director of ONC, President of Association of Village Council Presidents, Inc., President of the Association of Village Council Presidents - Regional Housing Authority, Captain of the Alaska National Guard in Bethel, Superintendent of the Iditarod School District, and CEO of Calista Corporation;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel, City Council will appoint from amongst their body, a member to act as the City of Bethel representative;

WHEREAS, Kuimavik, as an established group with a vested interest in the long term stability of the pool's operations, is interested in remaining an active part of the pool operation and is committed to meeting consistently to address and provide feedback to the Council on the initial and continuous programs established by the pool operators;

WHEREAS, the duties of Kuimavik, as an Advisory Committee to the City Council will consist of but are not limited to:

- Developing annual goals in conjunction with the pool operators to be reviewed and approved by the City Council;
- Advise in planning, and making of recommendations concerning aquatics facilities, programs, outreach, policies and other aquatics related programs for the residents of the city;
- Upon referral of the City Council, review and make recommendations on capital improvement projects for the facility;
- Review and make recommendations to the Council on community services and the coordination of aquatic services at the facility and special events with other governmental and private agencies and voluntary organizations;
- Upon referral from the City Council, conduct studies and make recommendations which promote and encourage high standards and increased opportunities in aquatics offerings and activities and programs that are in the best interest of the City;
- Encourage broad citizen participation in aquatics activities and grant funded program opportunities;
- Act as a sounding board for individuals and organizations having an interest in aquatics programming and feedback for improvement opportunities;
- Perform such other duties and functions as the City Council may from time to time request, or otherwise appoint the committee to administer or coordinate on behalf of the City;

WHEREAS, the membership of the Kuimavik, Advisory Committee, will be based on the terms outlined in Article II of the Kuimavik Bylaws and not by the Bethel Municipal Code title 2.52;

WHEREAS, the powers of the Kuimavik Board with respect to the operation of the pool will be strictly advisory to the City Council, Kuimavik is not authorized to enter into any agreement or to speak on behalf of the pool operations or the City of Bethel;

WHEREAS, Kuimavik will follow the meeting procedures as identified in Article IV of the Bylaws of Kuimavik., which requires reasonable public noticing of their meetings, additionally, following any meeting of the Advisory Committee no matter if quorum is established, the secretary of the body, will provide a copy of the draft meeting minutes to the office of the City Clerk who will submit same to Council for their review and information;

WHEREAS, as provided in the Kuimavik Bylaws, Kuimavik is able to receive advisement from "Supporting Advisory Committees" however, the City Council will only recognize the recommendation coming directly from the established Kuimavik Advisory Committee, as established under this Ordinance;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, that: Under an advisory capacity to the City Council, the City Council establishes Kuimavik-A Place to Swim as the authorized body to act as the City Council's advisory body for the Yukon Kuskokwim Regional Aquatic Health and Safety Center's operation.

SECTION 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a permanent nature and shall not become a part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This section shall become effective immediately upon the passage by the City Council.

ENACTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, BY A VOTE OF _IN FAVOR AND _OPPOSED.

Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk