

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on March 30, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor DeWitt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following members were present:
City Council Member Alyssa Leary (telephonically) City Council Member Mark Springer (telephonically) City Council Member Rose Henderson (telephonically) City Council Member Conrad McCormick (telephonically) City Council Member Perry Barr (telephonically) arrived after roll call at 6:35 p.m. Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson (telephonically) Mayor Michelle DeWitt (telephonically)
Members Absent:
Also in attendance were the following:
Interim City Manager Peter Williams (telephonically), City Clerk Lori Strickler (telephonically), City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Ruth Abigail Miller-Addressed the Council with continued concerns related to the handling of a sexual assault investigation.

Perry Barr arrived at the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Victoria Sosa-Addressed the Council with continued concerns related to the handling of a sexual assault investigation. Asked for an apology from Administration and the Council for the misinformation that was provided to the public.

Written Testimony

Randy Evan presented written testimony outlining concerns related to a KYUK new

article indicating the mishandling of a sexual assault kit by the Bethel Police Department.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by:	Rose Henderson
Seconded by:	Haley Hanson
In favor:	Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

Item 7.1. - Council Discussion: Evaluating And Improving The Investigation, Processing, And Prosecution Of Reported Sexual Assault Cases Within The Bethel Criminal Justice System (Council Member McCormick)

Motion to move into committee of the whole.

Moved by:	Conrad McCormick
Seconded by:	Rose Henderson
In favor:	Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick, Perry Barr
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Motion to suspend the rules to hear from some of the subject matter experts.

Moved by:	Haley Hanson
Seconded by:	Mark Springer
In favor:	Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick, Perry Barr
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Eileen Arnold--Executive Director, Tundra Women's Coalition
Dr. Jennifer Prince-- Pediatric Hospitalist
Carmen Pitka--Children's Advocacy Center Program Manager

Farah Sears, FNP--Child Abuse Coordinator and Adult SART Forensic Consultant
Nakissha Bialy--Adult SART and Telesafe Coordinator

Motion to move out of the committee of the whole.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Conrad McCormick
In favor:	Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick, Perry Barr
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Motion to direct the Administration, Clerk's Office and the Attorney's Office to enter into a contract with Rachel Garnet for the evaluation and improving the investigation, processing, and prosecution of reporting sexual assault cases within the Bethel Criminal Justice System.

Moved by:	Conrad McCormick
Seconded by:	Mark Springer
In favor:	Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick, Perry Barr
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 8.1. - In Accordance With AS 44.62.310.C(2)- Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of Any Person, Provided The Person May Request A Public Discussion- City Manager Six Month Evaluation (Mayor DeWitt)

Motion to move into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310 C (2), subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion-City Manager Six Month Evaluation.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Rose Henderson
In favor:	Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick, Perry Barr
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Motion to take a ten-minute break.

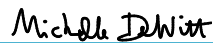
Moved by:	Haley Hanson
Seconded by:	Rose Henderson
In favor:	Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick, Perry Barr
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved by:	Haley Hanson
Seconded by:	Rose Henderson
In favor:	Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Rose Henderson, Conrad McCormick, Perry Barr
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Council adjourned the meeting at 10:03 p.m.


Michelle DeWitt (Apr 20, 2021 10:53 AKDT)

Michelle DeWitt, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk

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