

CITY OF BETHEL

City Council Meeting Agenda, January 20, 2022 – 12:00 PM

Website: <https://www.cityofbethel.org/council>

Location: Council Chambers, City Hall, 300 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway, Bethel

Council Members: Mayor Mark Springer, Vice-Mayor Conrad McCormick, Michelle DeWitt,
Perry Barr, Rose Henderson, Eric Whitney, Beth Hessler

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4888456188?pwd=bkN1dGI4MHpGZ1kwOUVYWU5kd0xhZz09>

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – FIVE MINUTES PER PERSON

4.1.



Written Public Comments can be submitted by opening your phone camera and hovering over this URL code. The link to the submission form will appear. You may also go to www.cityofbethel.org.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1. Resolution 22-01: Providing For A Temporary Exemption To The City's Mask Mandate Adopted Under Emergency Ordinance 21-59 For Varsity Players During Game Play At The January 20-January 22, Donlin Gold Basketball Tournament (Mayor Springer)

7. ADJOURNMENT

Posted January 18, 2022 at AC Co., Swanson's, City Hall, and the Post Office.

Kevin Morgan, Deputy City Clerk

City Clerk's Office Contact Information: Email cityclerk@cityofbethel.net Phone 907-545-4120

Items noted with an asterisk (*) are consent agenda items, unless removed from the consent agenda they are approved upon the approval of the agenda. Ordinances introduced at this meeting may be set for public hearing at the next regular meeting.

The Council may by unanimous consent, after 12:00 AM Fix the Time to Which To Adjourn until the following day at 6:30 PM

Introduced by: Mayor Springer
Date: January 20, 2022
Action:
Vote:

CITY OF BETHEL

Resolution #22-01

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY EXEMPTION TO THE CITY'S MASK MANDATE ADOPTED UNDER EMERGENCY ORDINANCE #21-59 FOR VARSITY PLAYERS DURING GAME PLAY AT THE JANUARY 20-JANUARY 22, 2022 DONLIN GOLD BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Emergency Ordinance #21-59 on December 20, 2021, requiring that masks be worn in indoor spaces with few exemptions;

WHEREAS, the Lower Kuskokwim School District has scheduled the Donlin Gold Basketball Tournament January 20-22, 2022, and expects to host varsity boys and girls basketball games with schools from around the state;

WHEREAS, travelers to Bethel attending this Tournament have been advised of the City's Travel Testing and Quarantine Mandate adopted under Emergency Ordinance #21-63;

WHEREAS, Tournament athletes and coaches will also be required to comply with the Lower Kuskowkim School District's COVID-19 Protocols, including:

- Bethel athletes have a negative COVID-19 test just before the start game;
- Visiting team athletes have a negative COVID-19 test within 24 hours of departure from their home community;
- Lower Kuskokwim School District coaches and chaperones shall be fully vaccinated against COVID-19; and
- Visiting team athletes, coaches, and chaperones are informed of the City's COVID-19 Travel Testing and Quarantine Mandate issued under Emergency Ordinance #21-63.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, that the City of Bethel exempts varsity level basketball players from the City's Emergency Ordinance #21-59, during gameplay at the January 20-22, 2022, Donlin Gold Basketball Tournament. Players exempted by this resolution shall otherwise fully comply with the Lower Kuskokwim School District's COVID-19 Protocols and all other mandates issued by the City of Bethel.

ENACTED THIS 20th DAY OF JANUARY 2022 BY A VOTE OF ___ IN FAVOR AND ___ OPPOSED.

Introduced by: Mayor Springer
Date: January 20, 2022
Action:
Vote:

Mark Springer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk



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January 18, 2022

Lori Strickler
City Clerk
City of Bethel
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To the Bethel City Council:

I am writing on behalf of the Lower Kuskokwim School District requesting that the City Council grant an exemption to LKSD from Emergency Ordinance 21-59 as it pertains to student athletes and student activities.

LKSD currently has a well-implemented masking mitigation measure in place for sports and student activities, as follows: *Masks are mandatory at all times during practice for coaches, managers, and athletes when not participating in vigorous activity.*

An exemption from Emergency Ordinance 21-59 will allow the LKSD Board of Education to continue to establish and implement its own policies regarding masking in response to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you in advance for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim H", written over the printed name.

Kimberly Hankins
Superintendent