

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on September 21, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Mayor Barr 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:
Council Member Cece Franko (telephonically) City Council Member Alyssa Leary (telephonically) City Council Member Michelle DeWitt (telephonically) City Council Member Hugh Dymont (telephonically) Vice-Mayor Haley Hanson (telephonically) City Council Member Mark Springer (arrived after roll at 7:57 p.m, telephonically) Mayor Perry Barr
Members Absent:
Also in attendance were the following:
Acting City Manager Lori Strickler, Deputy City Clerk Kevin Morgan, City Attorney Libby Bakalar (telephonically)

4. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Anna Hoffman, President and CEO of Bethel Native Corporation (BNC)- Recommended Peter Williams for the Interim City Manager position. Read a letter of support. Commended the stability of his previous term as City Manager and believes hiring him would restore function and leadership.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval Of Agenda.

Moved by: | Hugh Dymont

Seconded by: | Cece Franko

Main Motion: Move Item 7.2 *Review Of Recruitment Strategies For Permanent City Manager With GOVHR* to be first Item of New Business and to move Item 7.3 *Interim City Manager Conditional Offer* and 7.4 *Appointment Of Interim City Manager* to follow Executive Session.

Moved by: | Michelle DeWitt
Seconded by: | Haley Hanson
In favor: | Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Michelle DeWitt, Hugh Dymment
Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

Item 7.2. - Review Of Recruitment Strategies For Permanent City Manager With GOVHR (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Main Motion: Move into Committee of the Whole.

Moved by: | Alyssa Leary
Seconded by: | Haley Hanson
In favor: | Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Michelle DeWitt, Hugh Dymment
Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

Main Motion Move out of Committee of the Whole.

Moved by: | Alyssa Leary
Seconded by: | Michelle DeWitt
In favor: | Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Michelle DeWitt, Hugh Dymment
Opposed: | None
Results: | Motion Carries

Main Motion: On advertisement, change the Salary range to 135,000-155,000 and to change the requirements that a Bachelor's or Master's Degree is preferred but not required.

Moved by:	Hugh Dymont
Seconded by:	Alyssa Leary
In favor:	Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Michelle DeWitt, Hugh Dymont
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 7.1. - Interim City Manager Interviews (Acting City Manager Strickler)

*Interview of Lee Foley started at 7:19 p.m.
Due to connectivity issues. The call kept disconnecting and re-connecting.
Mayor Barr determined that Lee Foley still had 15 minutes of time remaining.
Interview ended at 7:50 and will conclude at the end of the other interviews.*

*Interview of Peter Williams started at 7:55 p.m.
Council Member Franko left the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and re-joined at 7:56 p.m.
Council Member Springer joined the meeting at 7:57 p.m.
Interview of Peter Williams ended at 8:30 p.m.*

*Interview of Marybeth Whalen started at 8:30 p.m.
Interview of Marybeth Whalen ended at 9:10 p.m.*

*Lee Foley rejoined at 9:11 p.m.
Due to connectivity issues, the call continued to reconnect and disconnect.
Interview of Lee Foley ended at 9:30 p.m.*

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 8.1. - AS 44.62.310 (C) (2) Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of Any Person - Interim City Manager Review and Employment Agreement Development (Note, All Interim City Manager Candidates May be Discussed During the Executive Session) (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Main Motion: As 44.62.310 (C) (2) Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of Any Person - Interim City Manager Review And Employment

Agreement Development (Note, All Interim City Manager Candidates May Be Discussed During The Executive Session) Those Attending Are the City Council, Acting City Manager, City Attorney, and Deputy City Clerk.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Michelle DeWitt
In favor:	Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Hugh Dymont
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Council exits Executive Session.

Main Motion: Direct Administration to negotiate and executive a contract with Peter Williams for the Position of Interim City Manager.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Hugh Dymont
In favor:	Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Hugh Dymont
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Item 7.3. - Interim City Manager Conditional Offer (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Council did not consider this Item of Business.

Item 7.4. - Appointment Of Interim City Manager (Acting City Manager Strickler)

Council did not consider this Item of Business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

Moved by:	Mark Springer
Seconded by:	Haley Hanson
In favor:	Perry Barr, Cece Franko, Haley Hanson, Alyssa Leary, Mark Springer, Michelle DeWitt, Hugh Dymont
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

Meeting ended at 10:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kevin Morgan

Kevin Morgan,
Deputy Clerk

Michelle DeWitt

Michelle DeWitt, Mayor for
Perry Barr, former Mayor

Signature: Michelle DeWitt
Michelle DeWitt (Dec 17, 2020 17:16 AKST)
Email: mdewitt@cityofbethel.net

Signature: Kevin Morgan
Kevin Morgan (Dec 18, 2020 10:04 AKST)
Email: kmorgan@cityofbethel.net

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