



## CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at the Dillingham City Council Chambers and via video conferencing, in Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Ruby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Mayor Ruby was present.

Council members present and establishing a quorum (a quorum being four):

Aksel Buholm	Perry Abrams	Chris Napoli
Curt Armstrong	Kaleb Westfall	Michael Bennett

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION to approve the agenda made by Aksel Buholm, seconded by Perry Abrams.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

#### CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION (Prior Notice or Agenda Items)

Finance & Budget Committee directed City Manager Mawson to research impact of decreased school contribution appropriation.

Robert Mawson: Noted for every \$1 decrease in local support the School District experiences a \$1.56 reduction in overall funding. The original recommended appropriation of 1,078,688 is decreased \$221,312 from the amount requested in the school budget. This in turn equates to a total decrease of \$345,666. Due to the negative budget impact to the school, the recommendation is to fund the full requested amount of \$1,300,000.

Jason Johnson: Spoke in support of Resolution 2022-16(A). Noting the decrease would be the equivalent of four certified teaching positions. Spoke regarding the impact reduced funding would have on the student population, especially those who receive special services, are in low income situations, and those who are minorities. Stated preventative maintenance is essential for building longevity. Noted importance of partnerships and the benefits gained from cooperative relationships.

Jon Clouse: Spoke in support of Resolution 2022-16(A). Emphasized the importance of addressing the effects COVID has had on student learning.

Theresa Laville, Principal: Spoke in support of Resolution 2022-16(A). Noted importance of programs i.e., music, art, athletics. Stated these programs develop skills and give opportunity that equate to choices in life.

Sterling Bailey, School Maintenance: Spoke in support of Resolution 2022-16(A). Commented on increased pricing for parts, cleaning products, and shipping costs.

Dr. Taylor, Director of Student Services: Spoke in support of Resolution 2022-16(A). Spoke as advocate for students with disabilities. Noted positive program results.

Nick Tweet, Principal: Spoke in support of Resolution 2022-16(A). Noted decreased funding will impact ability to hire / retain teachers and the negative impact increase class size has.

Phil Hulett, Business Manager: Spoke in support of Resolution 2022-16(A). Noted increased costs, and inflation rate increases. Stated grants do not cover costs of core teaching positions.

## **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

1. Adopt Resolution 2022-16(A); A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Establishing the Level of Funding for the Dillingham City School District for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

MOTION: to adopt Resolution 2022-16(A) made by Aksel Buholm, seconded by Michael Bennett.

- Noted appreciation of School District staffs comments.
- City budget concerns expressed.
- Timing of state budget, school district budget and city budget cycles noted.
- Appropriation noted as stewardship of facilities mentioned, and investment for children.
- Partnership of City and School District noted.
- Noted need for City to have budget cycle further along in coming year.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

2. Adopt Ordinance 2022-03(A); An Ordinance of the Dillingham City Council Amending Title 4 of the Dillingham Municipal Code to Adopt an Excise Tax on Importation of Marijuana

MOTION: to adopt Ordinance 2022-03(A) made by Aksel Buholm, seconded by Perry Abrams.

- Minor amendments to clarify wording as recommended at last meeting done.
- City Attorney reviewed, no problems identified. No substantive changes made.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Aksel Buholm:

- Thanked all for coming.

Perry Abrams:

- Noted appreciation for all who took time to come and voice their opinion.
- Looks forward to cooperation in coming year, and earlier budgeting process.
- Stated school district budget was easy to understand.

Michael Bennett:

- Thanks all for coming as well as those that called to express their opinion.

Curt Armstrong:

- Noted we are not in a terrible spot.

Kaleb Westfall:

- Thanked all for their time.
- Expressed he is pleased City will be fully funding the School District budget request.
- Noted City need to identify options for revenue.

Chris Napoli:


- Noted proposed decrease in school appropriation as a hot topic.
- Stated appreciation for effective networking by City Manager and Superintendent.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**


- Thanked all for being engaged.
- Noted the majority of council members attended school in Dillingham.
- Commented when challenges are experienced it is nice to have a supportive community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

  
 Mayor Alice Ruby [SEAL]

ATTEST:

  
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 Lori Goodell, City Clerk

Approval Date: May 5, 2022