



## CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:30 PM

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Monday, April 17, 2023, at the Dillingham City Council Chambers and via video conferencing, in Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Ruby called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Mayor Ruby was present.

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

Aksel Buholm

Curt Armstrong

Perry Abrams

Kim Johnson

Kaleb Westfall

Michael Bennett

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION to approve the agenda made by Kim Johnson, seconded by Michael Bennet.

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

#### CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

*Citizens in attendance:* Phil Hulett, John Clouse

- Goal is to increase BSA, instead of a one-time funding.
  - If the City contributes additional funds the Impact Aid calculation from the State would not be affected in a negative way.
  - Noted budget request of 1.7 million would provide the school the assurance that no programs would be cut.
- Spoke in support of 1.7 million contribution.

#### SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2023-11; A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Establishing the Level of Funding for the Dillingham City School District for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30,2024.

MOTION: to reconsider Resolution 2023-11; A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Establishing the Level of Funding for the Dillingham City School District for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30,2024 made by Kim Johnson and seconded by Perry Abrams.

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

MOTION: to amend Resolution 2023-11; NOW THEREFORE section to change the 1.4 million to 1.7 million made by Aksel Buholm, seconded by Michael Bennett

- Commented that Representative Edgmon felt comfortable that the bill to increase the Base Student Allotment was going to go through, while he is uncertain about the Governor's stance on the bill.
- The governor presented the representative information on the position some schools are in with COVID funds and fund balances.
- Clarified if Resolution 2023-11 is adopted, additional aid can be added via amendment, without negatively impacting School's Impact Aid.
- Expressed concern on making a decision prior to FY24 City Budget rules.
- Noted that using time to gather more information would be the most beneficial to both City and School.
- Stated that the money is for the school, however the City budget is for the whole community including the kids.
- Explained the City does not dictate how the allocation is spent for the school.

Mayor Alice Ruby recommends not to adopt to amend from 1.4 million to 1.7 million; would like to review City FY24 budget first. Supports the second amendment, appears to be a good compromise.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Bennett.

VOTING No: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Abrams.

Mayor Ruby's Vote: No. Amendment fails.

MOTION: to amend the amendment Resolution 2023-11; to add to paragraph four under the first WHEREAS to say "the City may make an additional allocation prior adoption of FY24 budget on or before July 1 2023" made by Kim Johnson and seconded by Perry Abrams.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Bennett. Council Member Westfall, Council Member Abrams

VOTING No: Council Member Armstrong

MOTION: to adopt Resolution 2023-11 as amended; A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Establishing the Level of Funding for the Dillingham City School District for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30,2024 adding to paragraph four under the first WHEREAS to say "the City may make an additional allocation prior adoption of FY24 budget on or before July 1 2023"

VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Abrams.

VOTING No: Council Member Armstrong Council Member Buholm Council Member Bennett.

Mayor Ruby's Vote: Yes. Motion to adopt as amended passes.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

### Kaleb Westfall:

- Acknowledges the partnership between School and City and believes there is an opportunity for both to benefit.
- Expressed how wonderful the citizens and community are.

### Michael Bennett:

- Thanked everyone in attendance.
- Noted the shortfalls in the budget and encouraged the public to attend future meetings to share ideas about City generated revenue.
- Expressed how the community needs to work together.

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

- Thanked everyone for attending.
- Emphasized that the City and School are not separate organizations, the School is the City, the City is the School.
  - In no way does the City intend to leave the school hurting, it just needs additional time to figure out how to help.

**ADJOURNMENT :**

Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

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Mayor Alice Ruby  
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ATTEST:

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Greta Hayden-Pless, Acting City Clerk

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_