



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

Our Vision. To have an infrastructure and city workforce that supports a sustainable, diversified and growing economy. We will partner with others to achieve economic development and other common goals that assure a high quality of living, and excellence in education.

MEETING INFORMATION

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS / 5:30 p.m.

141 Main Street, Dillingham, AK 99576 (907) 842-5212

This meeting will also be available at the following online location: Zoom

Meeting ID: 920 483 0473; passcode: 99576

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CALLED TO ORDER at 5:30 PM

ROLL CALL

Present in Person:

- Triston Chaney
- Steven Carriere
- Kaleb Westfall
- Kevin McCambly
- Alice Ruby Mayor

Present Via Zoom:

- Curt Armstrong

Quorum Established

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Steven Carriere moved to approve the agenda.

Second: Kaleb Westfall.

Vote: Unanimous (5-0)

Result: Motion carried; agenda approved.

CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION (Prior Notice or Agenda Items)

Mike Davis

- Invited Council to attend Representative Bryce Edgmon's town hall meeting at the Bristol Bay Campus on May 29.
- Reported that a Wall Street Journal reporter had been interviewing seniors at the Senior Center.
- Stated the Senior Center was out of salad and nearly out of rice and expressed concern about food funding after Budget Amendment No. 2 failed.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. R 2026-17 Establishing the level of funding for the Dillingham City School District for FY27

Steven Carriere moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-17 establishing the level of funding for the Dillingham City School District for FY2027.

Second: Kaleb Westfall.

Discussion on Resolution 2026-17

- The resolution funds the school district at the amount requested in the district budget (\$1.7 million).
- Appreciation for school district efforts to reduce expenditures.
- Concerns about long-term community and school sustainability.
- Need for economic development, housing, business growth, and new revenue sources.
- Continued cooperation between the City and School District.
- Recognition that both entities are sharing financial hardships.

Vote: Unanimous (5-0)

Result: Motion carried; Resolution No. 2026-17 adopted.

Council Comments

Topics discussed:

- Appreciation for school administration and city staff work on the budget.
- Importance of school funding to the health of the community.
- Positive working relationship between City and School District leadership.
- Appreciation for Facilities Committee cooperation and teamwork.

Motion Regarding Senior Center Funding

Motion: Kaleb Westfall moved to fund the Senior Center at the amount requested in Budget Amendment No. 2 for FY2026.

Second: Kevin McCambly.

Discussion Topics

- Whether motions during Council Comments are appropriate.
- Open Meetings Act concerns because the item was not listed on the agenda.
- Previous Council actions taken during Council Comments.

- Difference between funding one department versus adopting the entire budget amendment.
- Senior Center food shortages and community concern.
- Public testimony received that evening regarding senior meals.
- Whether the public had adequate notice of the action.

Vote

- Kaleb Westfall — Yes
- Kevin McCambly — Yes
- Triston Chaney — Yes
- Steven Carriere — No
- Curt Armstrong — Yes

Result: Motion carried 4–1. Senior Center FY2026 funding allocation approved.

Mayor's Comments

Topics discussed:

- Reminder of Representative Bryce Edgmon's town hall meeting on May 29.
- Bristol Fuels donation of 150 gallons of fuel to assist Senior Center transportation operations.
- Efforts by Rebecca and staff to coordinate donations for Senior Center meals.
- Staff were working on options to bridge the funding gap for the Senior Center through the end of FY2026.
- Senior Center can accept food donations and gift cards.
- Development of public guidance regarding donation of subsistence foods consistent with food safety regulations.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM..

ATTEST:

 Abigail Flynn, City Clerk
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 Date of Approval