

Introduced by: Vice-Mayor Albertson
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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #15-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.52, BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS, DELETING PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE AND ESTABLISHING ~~FITNESS-CENTER & RECREATION COMMITTEE~~ PARKS, RECREATION AND FITNESS-CENTER COMMITTEE ~~PARKS, RECREATION, AQUATIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CENTER COMMITTEE~~

WHEREAS, as of July 1, 2015 the City of Bethel will be transitioning the parks maintenance employees to operate under the public works department, with the intent to focus on the maintenance of current parks and boardwalks and planning/development of new parks, boardwalks and safety paths;

WHEREAS, concurrent with this transition, the City has transferred funding of the Recreation and 4-H functions to the University of Alaska, who will assume the responsibilities of the 4-H activities therefore alleviating the need of the Parks and Recreation Committee;

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2015, the Parks and Recreation Committee will dissolve however, the Council recognizes the need to continue the promotion of recreational activities within the community and wishes to focus on the Fitness Center as a significant source of recreation;

WHEREAS, Ordinance 15-22 repeals Ordinance 14-16 which established Kuimarvik, A Place to Swim as the advisory committee to the City Council for the Yukon Kuskokwim Regional Aquatic Health and Safety Center, otherwise known as the YK Fitness Center, with the intent to organize the Fitness Center & Recreation Committee as a City organized body;

WHEREAS, some of the responsibilities of the ~~Fitness-Center & Recreation Committee~~ Parks, Recreation and Fitness-Center Committee ~~Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee~~ are:

- Developing annual goals in conjunction with the pool operators to be reviewed and approved by the City Council;

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- Advise in planning, and making of recommendations concerning aquatics facilities, programs, outreach, policies and other recreational programming for the residents of the city;
- Upon referral of the City Council, review and make recommendations on capital improvement projects for the facility;
- Review and make recommendations to the Council on community services and the coordination of recreational services at the facility and special events with other governmental and private agencies and voluntary organizations;
- Upon referral from the City Council, conduct studies and make recommendations which promote and encourage high standards and increased opportunities in aquatics offerings, recreational activities and fitness-based programs that are in the best interest of the City;
- Encourage broad citizen participation in aquatics, fitness, and healthy recreational activities;
- Act as a sounding board for individuals and organizations having an interest in aquatics and fitness center programming and provide feedback for improvement;
- Advise and engage the city council on issues that will enhance the quality of life of Bethel residents through engagement in healthy leisure activity both within, and outside, the YK fitness center.
- Perform such other duties and functions as the City Council may from time to time request, or otherwise appoint the committee to administer or coordinate on behalf of the City;

WHEREAS, Administration will designate an individual from city staff as an Ex officio member to the committee for the purposes of acting as secretary/recorder to the body, the ex officio member will not be a voting member but may take part in discussions of the body and must ensure the compliance with the Bethel Municipal Code and other applicable laws related to municipal boards;

WHEREAS, the established Committee shall be governed by the requirements outlined in Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 2.52, Boards Committees and Commission;

WHEREAS, Administration will designate an individual from city staff as an ex officio member as well as a substitute ex officio member in the case of an absence of the designated ex officio member, to the committee for the purposes of acting as secretary/recorder to the body, the ex officio member will not be a voting member but may take part in discussions of the body and must

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WHEREAS, Council approved members should be familiar with the facility and the programs offered in the facility; proactive in the goal of establishing a sustainable facility through programs and budget; willing to listen and act on community feedback related to facility improvements and able to commit the time necessary to attend meetings, conduct independent research on ways the facility can be improved and with the collaboration of the committee, provide reports to the Council on the Committee's findings and recommendations;

WHEREAS, It will be the Council's goal to reserve one seat on the Parks, Recreation and Fitness Center Committee for a Kuimarvik Board member to act as liaison between the Kuimarvik Board and the City Committee, in the absence of a Kuimarvik Board member application, the Council may appoint a member of the community to complete a full membership of the Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the City of Bethel authorizes a change to the Bethel Municipal Code as described herein.

SECTION 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Amendment. The Bethel Municipal Code Chapter 2.52 is to be amended as follows (new language is underlined and old language is stricken):

Chapter 2.52 BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

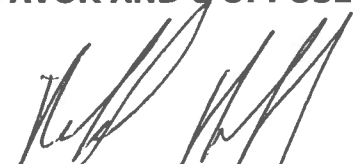
2.52.025 Committees.

A. There shall be a finance committee, a public works committee, ~~a parks and recreation committee, a Fitness Center and Recreation Committee~~ parks, recreation and fitness center committee Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Health and Safety Center Committee and an energy committee for the purposes of gathering information, conducting research, advising the city council regarding matters within their purview, and performing any other such duties as the city council may refer to them from time to time.

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SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective September 1, 2015 following the passage by the Bethel City Council.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL ALASKA, THIS 11th DAY OF AUGUST 2015, BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.



Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk