

Introduced by: Council Member DeWitt  
Introduction Date: May 10, 2022  
Public Hearing Date: May 24, 2022  
Action: Passed  
Vote: 5-1

# CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

## Ordinance 21-26 (k)

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BETHEL FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET

**THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, as follows:

**SECTION 1. Classification.** This is a non-codified Ordinance and shall not become part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

**SECTION 2. Fiscal Year Budget Amendments.** The following estimated revenues and expenditures are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes and objects of the City of Bethel for Fiscal Year 2022.

**WHEREAS,** the YK Fitness Center started as a dream for the residents of Bethel, a place to learn how to swim, to recreate and a gathering place for our elders, youth, adults and families;

**WHEREAS,** after years of organizing and lobbying, in 2012 the State of Alaska funded the development of the then Bethel Aquatic Training and Health Center, now referred to as the YK Fitness Center for close to 24 million dollars;

**WHEREAS,** prior to the funding and construction of the YK Fitness Center, contractors developed business plans and operation models to act as guides for the council and administration in determining operational costs and revenues;

**WHEREAS,** according to the 2005 Agnew Beck Facility Plan, most often municipalities are substantially subsidizing the operations of community recreational centers, in Unalaska 80%, in Ketchikan about 60%, of the operational costs are subsidized by the City, the study pointed out that the revenue generated from the facility are only expected to cover at most 40% of the operational costs;

**WHEREAS,** knowing that operational subsidies would be required, the council presented to the voters, a sales tax increase and confirmed an associated dedication of one half of one percent of all sales tax revenue to an interest-bearing account for the maintenance and operation of the YK Fitness Center;

**WHEREAS,** in an effort to protect the longevity of the fund and to ensure future operations and maintenance of the facility is protected, it is imperative administration become more aggressive and creative in their approaches towards generating income for the facility so that the draw down on the designed fund is avoided and the utilization of revenues from the sales tax, and the operations, support the annual expenses;

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**WHEREAS,** to ensure the fund is protected the Bethel City Council wishes to offset the costs of the water/sewer/garbage utility costs within the FY22 Budget by utilizing unused funds from another city project;

**WHEREAS,** the transfer of funds will be from Information Technology, Connectivity Services line 100-55-6179, in the amount of \$50,000 to the YK Fitness Center to offset the costs for water, sewer, garbage;

<b>k-1 IT Department to Yukon Kuskokwim Regional Health and Aquatic Safety Training Center</b>					
New Line Item	Line Item in Budget	Description	Approved Appropriations	Proposed Amendment	Proposed Total Appropriations
100-55-6179	10-55-667	Connectivity Services	\$300,000	(\$56,650)	\$193,350
400-46-4640	46-4XXX	Operating Transfers In (water/sewer/garbage in kind contribution)	0	\$56,650	\$56,650

**SECTION 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon the passage by the Bethel City Council.

**ENACTED THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2022 BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 1 OPPOSED.**

  
 Mark Springer, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
 Lori Strickler, City Clerk