
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

January 10, 2002

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on January 10, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson John Hastie called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the commission, the following were present:

John Hastie Charles Poe
Don Poe
Tae Hwa Chung
Brad Kehoe

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Robert K. Pettitt, Chief of Police and Taxi Inspector
Andrew Steele, Taxi Technician
Janette Persinger, Recorder

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY:	Kehoe	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 5, 2001.
SECONDED BY:	C. Poe	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	Kehoe	To approve the regular agenda.
SECONDED BY:	D. Poe	

The addition of election of the chair and vice chair was added to the agenda.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

MOVED BY:	Kehoe	To accept the nominations of chair and vice chair for the year of 2002.
SECONDED BY:	D. Poe	

Don Poe was nominated and voted in as vice chair. Both John Hastie and Brad Kehoe were nominated as the chair. Mr. Kehoe subsequently turned down the nomination and John Hastie was voted in as chair.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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CHIEFS' COMMENTS

Robert K. Petitt, Chief of Police, addressed the issue of the renewal application process for taxicab chauffeur permits. He has decided, "the process is the process". He further announced that he has been offered a Chief of Police position in Red Bluff, California. There are some details that will still need to be worked out before any plans are finalized. Chief Petitt received a call from Angstman's Law Office concerning cab permits for Yukon Cab. Chief Petitt stated that for as long as he has been in Bethel that Yukon Cab has not held valid permits. Chief Petitt reminded the Commission that when the permits elapse, they are no longer valid; they cannot be "resurrected". If the permits are not renewed – they are automatically revoked.

TAXI CAB INSPECTORS REPORT

Chief Petitt deferred to Andrew Steele, Taxi Technician, who presented his written report to the Commission. Commission members questioned Chief Petitt regarding the income of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Among the questions were – is the amount of the income of the Department of Motor Vehicles more or less than the City expected and where does that income go. Chief Petitt informed the members that yes, the income is more than expected and the income goes in the City of Bethel's general fund. The DMV office is operated by the City of Bethel, thus the City of Bethel is a commissioned agent of the State of Alaska. The Bethel Police Department has the direct supervision responsibilities of the DMV.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM A – FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

MOVED BY:	Kehoe	Amendment of ordinance #5.20.080-15 to read – The vehicle shall be equipped with a fire extinguisher with a gauge that clearly indicates that the unit is fully charged, mounted, and be readily accessible within the driver's immediate reach in the vehicle.
SECONDED BY:	D. Poe	

Discussion ensued regarding the position of mounting the fire extinguisher, the accuracy of the gauges, and the validity of the inspection tags.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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Mr. Kehoe requested that Council Member Carl Berger be invited to attend the next Public Safety & Transportation Commission. Mr. Berger has introduced to the city council a Public Transit System. Mr. Kehoe feels that it is of value that the Commission become involved.

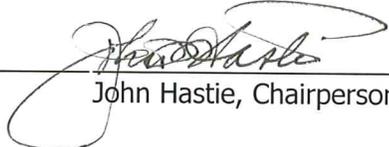
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	D. Poe	To adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED BY:	C. Poe	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm, January 10, 2002.

Approved this 15th day of May, 2002.



John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Janette Persinger, Recorder



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PUBLIC NOTICE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION Thursday, January 10, 2002 - 7:00 p.m. Bethel City Hall Conference Room

AGENDA

Members

James Blake
Vice Chair

Michael Cho

Tae Hwa Chung

John Hastie
Chair

Brad Kehoe

Guy Merculief

Mary Pavil
Council Rep

Charlie Poe

Don Poe

Ex Officio Members

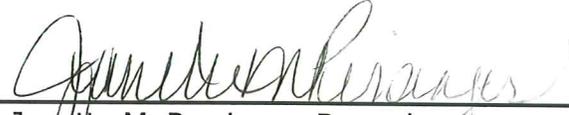
Robert K. Pettit
Chief of Police
Transportation
Inspector

George Young
Fire Chief

Andrew Steele
Transportation Tech

Janette Persinger
Administrative Assistant

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD
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Janette M. Persinger, Recorder
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