
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

March 7th, 2005

Work Session

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on Monday, March 7th, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson John Hastie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call

John Hastie	Charley Chung
John Dickens	Mark Springer

A quorum was not established.

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Chief of Police Benjamin Dudley
Administrative Assistant Brodie Broerman
Fire Department Rep. Raymond Russel

A work session was called for agenda items III, VI, IX A, IX B, and X.

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

- A. John Sargent handed out the updated resolution for the Bethel Public Transit System. And briefed the members in attendance with the progress and changes in the agreements with ONC.

VI. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

- A. BUDGET
 - a. Top priority of the FY 06 budget is to fund three new Community Service Officers (CSO) positions. This increases the budget from \$150,000 – \$200,000. Police Department has operated on the same budget for the last two years.
 - i. The Police Department would like to have strong backing from the PS&TC to the City Council for the CSO positions.
- B. OPEN POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS
 - a. The Police Department has 5 open Police Officer positions and has not receive ONE qualified applicant.
 - b. The Bethel Police Department has been invited to two job fairs, one in Bethel on March 10th, 2005, and another in Anchorage hosted by University of Alaska Anchorage, on April 5th, 2005. The department is going send representatives to attend both.
- C. BRYNE GRANT
 - a. The Bryne Grant that funds the drug investigator position is going to be cut 60% nation wide. By the time the Bethel Police Department receives their cut they would only see approximately \$26,000.00 which is not nearly enough to fund the position.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION OF NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITY
 - a. Discussed different entities the facility could hold.
 - b. Discussed different ways to fund the facility.
- B. PREVIEW OF TABLE TOP EXERCISE
 - a. Russel handed out the Situation Manual of the Table Top Exercise, and the City of Bethel Emergency Operations Plan to the members in attendance.
 - b. There will be follow up meetings to discuss the pros' and cons' of the exercise.
 - c. The manual is to be used as a guide.

X. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Dickens enjoyed the work session and felt that it was very valuable to the members.

Mr. Chung had no comments

Mr. Springer had no comments.

Mr. Hastie stated that he was in a cab that was egged by an oncoming vehicle. He stated that the perpetrator timed it so that it would be very difficult for the cab to get any information on its vehicle.

Mayor Dymont was not present but had previously submitted three comments.

Mayor Dymont may create a non-code ordinance for the ACO Fees if the PS&TC looks at and agrees to the presented fees. The PS&TC would then make a recommendation to council for the fees and Mayor Dymont would then create the non-code ordinance from the agreed fees.

The ordinance to reduce the number of members on the PS&TC from 9 to 7 has public hearing tomorrow at the City Council meeting. The ordinance would not go into effect until the end of Mr. Chung's term.

The City of Bethel and ONC are writing a letter to David Hicks of AC requesting him to write a letter to the Bethel Police Department permitting them to deal with the intoxicated people there. The letter being requested would be modeled after the one given to the BPD by BNC.

The work session was adjourned at 8:30 p.m., March 7th, 2005.
Next meeting on Monday – April 4th, 2005

ATTEST:



Brodie Broerman, Recorder



John Hastie, Chairperson