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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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April 5, 2016

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on April 5th, 2016 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

### II. ROLL CALL

Present: Joan Dewey *Chair*  
Eileen Henrikson *Vice Chair*  
Julene Webber  
Naim Shabani  
Daniel Macynski

Absent: Chuck Herman *Council Representative*

Ex-Officio Present: Andre Achee *Chief of Police and Acting Recorder*

Ex-Officio Absent: Bill Howell *Fire Chief*  
Christina Him *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*

### III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Ana Hoffman – *Wanted to thank the Bethel Police Department for their public service and the strong efforts being made to fill the vacancies. It is encouraged and empowering to see young people born and raised here in uniform and appreciates it very much. Would like to request reinforcing the prosecution of inebriates for persistently loitering, especially around BNC. Would like these inebriates to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and not just taken into the care of the Sobering Center.*

### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED:</b>	Henrikson	Motion to approve the agenda.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Macynski	

<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor.
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**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Shabani	Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 1, 2016.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Henrikson	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor.	

**VI. CHIEFS' COMMENTS**

Chief Andre Achee – *See Report in Commission Packet for statistical data for the month of March.*

*We have one officer currently still at the Academy, the other recruit was dismissed due to not being able to meet the strict academic standards. In the month of March, one of our Officers, Sammie Hendrix left. We are down to 5 officers 3 sergeants and 2 patrol officers. We offered two conditional offers this month, one declined due to pay and the other accepted. We are still actively recruiting; most people applying are from the lower 48.*

*We just transferred William Charles from CSP to the vacant CSO position. He with Derek will be working together in the training phase as CSO. We are finishing up our interview process for our vacant CSP position. We also extended a conditional offer to a local gentleman in town who accepted and is scheduled to start on the 11<sup>th</sup> of this month.*

*We did have an armed-stand-off situation that occurred; the gentleman was upset, semi-suicidal and discharged firearms in his residence a few times. Our officers in town responded, one came back early from vacation to access. The troopers were able to assist; they contacted their SERT (Special Emergency Response Team) from Fairbanks because it was a barricaded subject with the possibility of serious injuries on either side. It came to a peaceful resolution in the end, the gentleman surrendered and taken into custody without any incidences.*

*There was a death investigation on Friday during Camai weekend. There is no foul play suspected. It is unclear whether or not he crashed his snow machine and he ended up either drowning or dying of hypothermia. We contacted the medical examiner's office and we should be getting some sort of pulmonary cause of death by the end of this week.*

**VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT**

*See Report in Commission Packet*

## VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Herman – *Absent*

## IX. SPECIAL ITEM OF BUSINESS

### A. **Traffic Impact Analysis of the YKHC's Hospital Expansion Project and Ayaprun Elitnaurvik's relocation to the Kipusvik Building** (Ted Meyer, *City Planning Director*)

Received an email from Council Member Herman addressing the concerns with the huge increase of traffic around these areas.

*See Report in Commission Packet*

## X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None*

## XI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. **Declaring Commission Seat Vacant, per Bethel Municipal Code 2.52.070 A2** *Discussed, commission seat vacancy due to BMC 2.52.070 A2 regarding Commission member Deborah White.*

### B. **Increasing Cab Fare Rates** (Commission Member Shabani) *Discussed, no action taken.*

## XII. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Joan Dewey – *I just want to welcome Daniel, I think it's great that we have another member and another area of expertise in the community.*

Daniel Macynski – *I was wondering later, maybe down the line, one of the main things I wanted to be a part of this commission was to maybe help set up a neighborhood watch, keep an eye on juvenile/kids, helping the police, and having the public support. Another reason I am really motivated because basically in the past two years, I had three incidences or more where people have gone into City Sub and my neighborhood and broken into my vehicles in City Sub.*

Chief Andre Achee – *Two items I forgot to mention, on the April 12<sup>th</sup> council meeting, there is an action memorandum regarding a grant on an enhanced E-911 system. Our equipment is extremely old, and we were able to receive a federal grant to upgrade it. We're hoping that it should be done and if everything is approved, by the end of summer the new system will be implemented. Within a year from that date, we are hoping that we can be in Phase 2*

compliance which can track 911 calls made by cell phones. This is available in most road-system areas. Phase 2 compliant means that the phone number comes up and the name of the person who registered that number. This can be done on land lines; however we weren't able to track it on cell phones. Everything will be funded by this federal homeland security grant.

The next thing is the submission of our budget, the only thing the PD asks for is status quo. We are asking for one additional dispatcher position. Currently we have 4 dispatchers and 1 dispatch supervisor. The minimum staffing is 4 dispatchers because we run 24 hours/day and the dispatch supervisor fills in if needed, however the dispatch supervisor has a lot of other collateral duties. The additional 5<sup>th</sup> dispatcher position will help cover vacations and in cases that we have high turn-overs.

Eileen Henrikson – Just a reminder there are career fairs, tomorrow at the high school and on the 20<sup>th</sup> at the Cultural Center.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Henrikson	Motion to adjourn.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Webber	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

APPROVED THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June, 2016.



Christina Him, Recorder



Joan Dewey, Chair

Eileen Henrikson  
Vice Chair