
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

May 14, 2007

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission held on April 9, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairman, Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:07.

II. ROLL CALL

Compromising a quorum of the Commission, the following members were present for roll call:

Mark Springer

Brian Lefferts

Charlie Chung

Eric Middlebrook

Mark Miller arrived after roll call

Unexcused

John Hastie

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Chief Benjamin Dudley

Administrative Assistant Lori Strickler

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

A. Frank Mazzaro

- a. Everything is going up in price, the cab fare increase should be sent to council again.
- b. The trip sheets have been a continuous problem.
- c. Why would it be in the best interest to reduce the number of cab permits?

B. Theresa Broeckel

- a. The fare increase has been worked on for a long time. The Transportation Commission decided to raise the rates and it was sent to Council and nothing happened, this is discouraging and I would hate to see it die.
- b. BMC 5.30.120 states the Transportation Inspector must have a 30 days notice prior to insurance cancellation.
- c. The industry lost another driver, not permanently but she sustained severe injuries from an accident caused by a driver under the influence of alcohol.
- d. The taxi drivers see so much, and help the community so much.

C. Mefail Kadriu

- a. If a car is not safe I should be able to take it off the road and replace it.

E. Yoon

- a. The gas prices are increasing as well as everything else in Bethel. A fare increase should be reconsidered.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF MAY 14, 2007

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Middlebrook	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2007

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	Amendment to IX D c inputting the word spend after can't and before enough
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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VI. Special Order of Business

- a. Commission Training

VII. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

- A. As far as 4 wheeler traffic stops there does not seem to be a trend increase with the weather, although I personally have seen 4 wheelers which are not lawful.
- B. The bike path/ pedestrian path near Watson's Corner is a concern, it may become a major safety issue.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

- A. Contacted YKHC's Accounts Payable to insure the Medicaid vouchers have only been turned in by the Cab Companies.
- B. The opposition to the recently enforced schedule has seemed to be working out, I was not aware of any issues until this evening.
- C. All of the permit payments have been documented and I will continue to keep track of late payment on each permit.
- D. I have been looking into drug testing for the Chauffeur applicants. I will receive more information this week and bring it to the Commission next meeting.
- E. BMC 5.20.150 regarding the need of a business license for Chauffeurs along with Permit owners should be struck out of the BMC. I will write up a resolution for the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINES

**A. State of Alaska Pandemic Influenza Multi-Agency Coordination Group
MOVE TO DISCUSE RESOLUTION 07-01, STATE OF ALASKA PANDEMIC INFLUENZA
MULTI-AGENCY COORDINATION GROUP**

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Middlebrook	

Discussion:

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**MOTION TO TABLE THE STATE OF ALASKA PANDEMIC INFLUENZA MULTI-AGENCY
COORDINATION GROUP TO THE NEXT AGENDA**

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Miller	

Discussion: The resolution should state who it is being forwarded to

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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B. Permit Transfer and Renewal
MOVE TO DISCUSS PERMIT TRANSFER AND RENEWAL

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Miller	

Discussion:

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW FRANK MAZZARO TO SPEEK

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion:

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW THERESA BROECKEL TO SPEEK

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion:

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW BRIEF COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE ITEN CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion:

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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- a. Request to everyone; bring ideas on this subject to the next meeting with the hope of drafting a resolution to send to Council.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pedestrian safety issues

MOTION TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION/LETTER TO SEND TO THE OTHER COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES IDENTIFYING THE AREA BETWEEN AC QUICKSTOP AND THE BOARD WALK AS A HIGH DENSITY AREA FOR PEDESTRIANS AND TO THINK OF POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion:

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Discussion:

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B. Schedule the next public hearing

- a. The next public hearing will be held June 11, 2007. The requested location is the Log Cabin.

C. Resolution Supporting a Grant for the Fire Station roof repair

MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF AN FY 2007 INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION THAT REQUESTS FUNDING TO REPAIR THE BETHEL FIRE STATION ROOF

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion:

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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D. Trip Sheets from the dispatcher not drivers

MOTION TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION STRIKEING, BMC 5.30.140 A. 4.; BMC 5.40.120

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion:

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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E. Renewal process for Chauffeur License

MOTION TO TABLE TO THE NEXT AGENDA

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion: To all Commission members, bring your ideas to the next meeting

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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F. Methods of reducing the number of Taxi Permits and the role the Transportation Inspector would play.

VIII. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMENTS

A. Lefferts

- a. Grateful for a very productive meeting
- b. Disappointed the Council did not approve the fare increase, would like to add taxi fare increase to the next agenda
- B. Chung**
 - a. Would like to add to the next agenda setting a maximum rate for taxi fares
- C. Miller**
 - b. The washboard roads around Bethel is a serious safety issue
- C. Middlebrook**
 - a. It is nice to be back in Bethel
- D. Springer**
 - a. This has been a productive meeting
 - b. Would like to add to the next agenda BMC 5.30.120. The City of Bethel is a certificate holder for taxi vehicle's insurance, and the effect that would have on the cancellation of insurance for a permit owner if the vehicle is no longer being used for taxi service.
 - c. Agree with the washboard roads

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Monday June 11, 2007


 Mark Springer, Chairperson

ATTEST:


 Lori Strickler, Recorder