
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

July 9, 2007

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Chair, Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:02.

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

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Chief of Police Ben Dudley

Administrative Assistant Lori Strickler

III. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE QUALITY OF SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE CAB INDUSTRY

- A. Alla Tinker speaks highly of the cab services, also encourages the Commission to address the fare increase and to again take it to Council.
- B. Theresa Broeckel seconds the statements made by Alla Tinker and continues to stress the need for a fare increase to improve the services the cab industry provides.

III. APPEAL HEARING FOR SEOK HONG CHO

IV. APPEAL HEARING FOR PERMIT 25 OWNER JOE YOON, QUAYANA CAB CO.

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	To table the appeal hearing until the next regular scheduled meeting when the City Attorney could be present.
SECONDED BY:		

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion failed for lack of a second
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MOTION TO TABLE THE APPEAL HEARING FOR EACH APPELLANT UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING.

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	The City Attorney should be present for the appeal hearing, and a hearing officer should be appointed.
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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MOTION TO ISSUE A 40 DAY TEMPORARY PERMIT TO CHAUFFEUR SEOK HONG CHO AND PERMIT NUMBER 25 UNTIL THE APPEAL HEARING RESUMES AT THE NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING.

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	The City Attorney should be present for the appeal hearing, and a hearing officer should be appointed.
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	Amend the motion to issue the permits in accordance to the Bethel Municipal Code.
SECONDED BY:	Middlebrook	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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MOVED BY:	Lefferts	Nomination of Mark Springer to act as the hearing officer for the appeal hearing regarding the chauffeur permit 07-082 and vehicle permit number 25.
SECONDED BY:	Middlebrook	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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V. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

- A. Alla Tinker**
 - a. Request the Commission to retake the taxi fare increase to the Council.
- B. Fran Mazzaro**
 - a. The fare increase is important to the taxi industry, gas has recently gone up again.
- C. Theresa Broeckel**
 - a. The Public Safety and Transportation Commission has already approved the fare increase, the recommendation should have had more support from the Council representative of this Commission when it was brought to the Council.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF JULY 9, 2007

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Middlebrook	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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VII. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2007

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	
SECONDED BY:	Springer	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	Return to item II. Roll Call, John Haisie is no longer a member of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission.
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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VIII. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

- A. Lieutenant Achee went to Council to pitch ideas on recruitment and hire officers.
- B. Eight officers would be the bare minimum to cover shifts, in August the dept. will be down to seven officers. Every officer within the dept. looking for a new job, the situation is critical.
- C. The Police Department currently has three police officer applicants to cover eight vacancies.
- D. The Bethel Police Department cannot compete with other departments in the State of Alaska.

IX. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

A.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINES

- A. Chauffeur license and vehicle permit renewal

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	Motion to adopt the proposed ordinance as amended.
SECONDED BY:	Middlebrook	

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	Motion to suspend the rules to allow Frank Mazzaro to speak.
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	Amend item I. to \$15.00 for mail in.
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Motion to recommend draft ordinance and resolution for the changes is renewal process chauffeur license and vehicle permits to the City Council.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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B. Business License

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	Motion to adopt the proposed ordinance as amended.
SECONDED BY:	Middlebrook	

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	Motion to table until the next meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Miller	

C. Insurance for Taxi Cabs

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	Motion to adopt for discussion
SECONDED BY:	Chung	

Discussion:

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Motion to send the draft ordinance regarding Insurance for Taxi Cabs to the City Council

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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XIII. Drug Testing for Chauffeurs

- A. Tabled until the next meeting

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

A. Brian Lefferts

- a. Add Police Department incentives to the next agenda.
- b. Add cab fare increase to the next agenda.
- C. Wish I could be in town for tomorrow nights Council meeting to voice my concern regarding the Bethel Police Department.

B. Charley Chung

- a. No comment

C. Mark Miller

- a. Thank you, Lori for all of the hard work.
- b. Thank you, Mr. Springer for the adequate explanations and break down of the issues.
- c. Good luck to Chief Dudley.

D. Mark Springer

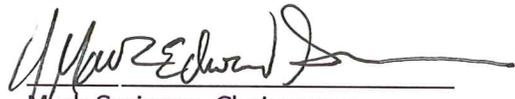
- a. The Bethel Police Department has experienced a fare amount of stability under Chief Dudley supervision.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

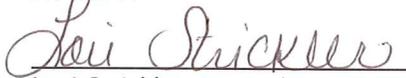
MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	To adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Mark Springer, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, Recorder