

City of Bethel
Transportation Commission
Regular Meeting of
August 1, 1996

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
 The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Chairman Williams.
- II. **ROLL CALL**
 Present: Wally Richardson, Thor Williams, and Doreen
 O'Brien, Gloria Rhodes, Richard Robb, & Bob Himshoot Jr.
- Absent: James Bock (unexcused)**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 The last meeting was canceled there were no minutes that needed approval.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
 M/M by O'Brien, 2nd by Robb to approve the agenda with the addition of
 Item C under new business, Random Inspections of cabs.
- V. **TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT**
 Acting Transportation Inspector read report, See attached.
- VI. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**
 Doreen O'Brien read a written statement in regards to Burton's memo
 addressing his role as a consultant to the City of Bethel. See Attached.

Rick Robb expressed his concern over not being informed in time to attend the last meeting. Thor informed him that there was a temporary Admin Ass't helping out at P.D. and she regrettably didn't get the agenda mailed in time.

Bob Himshoot commented that Chief Burton handed out a few warnings to cabs that had failed to get their inspections turned in and got 100% compliance within a day or so and that's the way it should be done.

Thor Williams stated that he was asked to make a report to Council and he reported what he saw and it has steam rolled from there other issues have combined to mushroom it into this situation. Inspections weren't over in a day it was several days. We don't want to pay more in taxes to pay off a law suite against the City.

Rick Robb commented that he felt that this inspection period had gone better than most.

VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Dave Trantham gave a message of support to the Commission about hanging in there even when you're catching flack.

Chairman Williams asked to suspend the rules and go back to Commission Member Comments. He asked that Jim Bock to taken off of the rolls. He has aquired too many unexcused absences, and we need to get someone else.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Item A: Charging a Fee for Transfers

M/M by Gloria Rhodes to set a fee of \$70.00 for cabs transferring from one company to another.

M/M by Bob Himshoot to amend the motion by adding: The \$70.00 should be increased to \$125.00 if further paper work is needed or as the Transportation Inspector deems necessary.

Vote Chairman Williams called for the Question on the amendment.

Roll Call vote: Rhodes, aye; Himshoot, Aye; O'Brien, Aye; Robb, Nay; Williams, Aye. Amendment passed by majority vote.

Vote Main motion: Roll Call vote: Rhodes, Aye; Himshoot, Aye; O'Brien, Aye; Robb, Nay; Williams, Aye. Main Motion Passed by majority vote.

Item B: Permit Transfer Procedures

Chairman Williams stated that he had held this proposal up so both proposals could go to the Council at the same time. Both of these will be turned into L.J. and then reviewed by the City attorney.

O'Brien stated that all changes to the ordinances should be forwarded to the Cab Companies as soon as Council passes them.

Chairman Williams added that the plan was to update the whole section of the ordinance and pass out new copies to everyone.

Item C: Discussion Item Six Month Inspections

Chairman Williams Stated that this has become a real issue. It wasn't a smooth process because ten cabs didn't turn in inspections for several days after the dead line.

Item D: River Cabs

Chairman Williams discussed the work session that was held on this issue. We decided to add one line to the wording to identify them as River Cabs.

Bob Himshoot brought up several issue:

1. River cabs should pay the same fees as regular cabs if they are to drive on Bethel Streets.
2. Have same requirements i.e., inspections and follow all other regulations.
3. Or detail where they can operate.

Himshoot was willing to contact AST about jurisdiction. Williams volunteered to talk to the lawyers, O'Brien will talk to insurance companies about insurance of cars on the river and Kathy is to notify all river cab operators about the next meeting.

Item E: Betty Evans

She did not appear before the meeting as she requested she be able to do.

motion M/M by Rick Robb 2nd by Himshoot, to revoke her conditional license due to non-compliance to conditions.

Vote taken after some discussion.

Vote Roll Call vote: O'Brien, aye; Robb, aye; Williams, aye; Himshoot, Nay. Motion fails. (Richardson out of room and Rhodes had left early)

M/M by Himshoot to send a letter saying she missed her appointed month meeting. No 2nd Motion fails.

It was decided to allow her a chance to address the September meeting as it was the original date set.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Item A: Transfer of Permits

M/M by Himshoot 2nd by O'Brien to approve permit if Transportation Inspector finds everything in order.

Vote Voice vote: Passed by all present.

Item B: Application fees, lack of people being charged.

After a short discussion and reading the ordinance it was discovered that the initial \$100.00 is the application fee for cab permits so no additional fee would be in order.

Item C: Random Inspections

The Commission addressed the Memo sent by Chief Burton outlining random inspections of cabs due to the cab fleet being in poor repair.

After a short discussion with Ofc. Schober a motion was made.

motion M/M by O'Brien, 2nd by Himshoot, to accept Chief Burtons policy. Himshoot cautioned Ofc Schober about stopping Cabs for inspections during rush hours.

O'Brien stated that if it doesn't work it can always be stopped.

Richardson requested a report every month showing the effect of the random inspections

vote Voice Vote 4 Ayes, Rick Robb was the only descending vote motion passed by majority vote.

X. ADJOURNMENT

motion M/M by Richardson 2nd by Himshoot to adjourn at 9:15 pm.
Voice vote passed unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1996.

Chairman Thor William

Bethel Police Department

M E M O R A N D U M

to: Transportation Commission Members
from: Kathy Coker, Acting Transportation Inspector
subject: Transportation Inspectors Report
date: August 1, 1996

Byung Jo Choi was given a conditional Chauffeurs license at a special meeting of the Transportation Commission. The pre approval conditions were proof of attending an anger management course and proof of completion of community service. He was unable to produce the required proof. In attempting to help him obtain this proof I discovered that he has an open bench warrant against him in California. It was issued for not showing up for court and for non-compliance of his probation. (Not producing the proof). Therefore his conditional Chauffeurs license was not issued.

Interim Chief Burton has proposed a policy that he wants the Transportation Commission to review and vote on. If the Commission is in favor of it then he will put this policy into effect.

Officer Walker seized one chauffeurs license due to the driver not having current insurance.

We have seven regular Taxi Cab Companies operating in Bethel representing 72 active permits.

Alaska Cab has 11 active permits. All have turned in their inspections.

City Cab has 9 active permits. All have turned in their inspections.

Kusko Cab has 18 active permits. All inspections are turned in and all fees paid up to date.

Zuyana Cab has 7 active permits. All have turned in their inspections.

Taxi Cab has 7 active permits. All have turned in their inspections.

Yellow Cab has 11 active permits. All have turned in their inspections. #137 is temporarily inactive.

Yukon Cab has 7 active permits. All inspections have been turned in.

