
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

August 8th, 2005

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on Monday, August 8th, 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

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

Charley Chung	Hugh Dymont
John Hastie	Mark Springer

Ex-Officio members present were the following:
 Administrative Assistant Brodie Broerman

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

A. There were no people to be heard.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF August 8th, 2005

MOVED BY:	Springer	Add "Discussion of Ordinance 5.20.085 (Drug & Alcohol Testing for Chauffeurs and Regulated Vehicles)" under New Business as item A
SECONDED BY:	Dymont	

Discussion on whether or not the added item needs to be advertised per the Open Meeting Act. Commission decided that since this is only a discussion item and since no action will be taken on the item it is within the OMA to add it under New Business.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF June 6th, 2005 and July 11th, 2005

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF June 6th, 2005, and July 11th, 2005

MOVED BY:	Springer	Change "Rook" to "Roof" on June 6 th 2005 meeting minutes under X. Commission Member Comments. Add "to swim" after sentence in IX. New Business A.(b) "Children jump off the sea wall regularly."
SECONDED BY:	Dymont	

Discussion on the deteriorating fence around sea wall.

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

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

B. NEW TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR

a. Molly Bailie is training to take over the duties of Transportation Inspector.

C. DUTY TO COMPLETE CALL

a. Summarized issue brought up at the last meeting by two ladies under people to be heard.

D. DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING FOR CHAUFFEURS

- a. A driver came to a vehicle inspection impaired by alcohol.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON ALCOHOL DISTRIBUTION CENTER

- a. Discussion to be continued at next meeting.
- b. Request the presence of AST Lieutenant.
- c. Minutes from June meeting covering this issue were passed onto city council.
- d. There was a report issued several years ago on this issue, and council members didn't move forward because they did not feel the support of the community behind it. If this issue is brought before council again it should be presented in a different manner, highlighting the positives, and involving the community.
- e. There are already several Alcohol Distribution areas, all the airlines, to consolidate it would be beneficial to the airline industries and the community members.

B. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON DMV ROAD TEST PROCTOR

- a. There was no discussion
- b. Item to be rolled over to next meeting.

C. UPDATE ON DETERIORATING FENCE AROUND THE SEA WALL

- a. Fence has been fixed.

D. RESOLUTION ON REWORDING DOG BITTING ORDINANCE

- a. Problem with the ordinance lies in two areas, what constitutes "provoked" and who decides if bite is provoked.
- b. Discussion on rewording ordinance to give the discretion up to the Chief of Police.
- c. Discussion on an appeal process for the owner of the dog.
 - i. Discussion on if an appeal process is to be set up to possibly have the appeal run while the dog is in quarantine.
- d. Dymont volunteered to write a resolution to council on this matter and told the Commission he would have it prepared by the next Public Safety & Transportation Commission Meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION ON ORDINANCE 5.20.085 DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING.

- a. Discussion on screening vs. full drug test.
- b. Discussion on benefits of screening
 - i. Inexpensive
 - ii. Quick way to screen drivers, if it comes back positive have a full drug test required.
- c. Discussion on who is to cover the cost.
 - i. Ordinance currently states that the cost is up to the driver.
 - ii. Discussion on having initial drug testing cost covered by City of Bethel, and any other additional screening paid by driver.
 - iii. Have City of Bethel cover initial screening, driver pay for any additional testing, ie. Screening comes back positive.
- d. Anchorage Drug & Alcohol testing policies to be given to commission members

X. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- A. Mr. Springer had some items he would like to possibly visit and discuss in the future.
 - a. Multiple dispatch permits owned by one owner, and if that is within the ordinance.
 - b. Is sales tax being paid on the lease fee paid by drivers to dispatch owners.
 - i. Discussion on this issue was held.
 - ii. Broerman stated she would try to find out from the sales tax clerk.
 - iii. Finance department is currently short staffed, and has to prioritize requests, but Dymont will also ask about this sales tax issue.
 - c. Are vehicles being rotated between permits to keep the permits active. How does this affect the community if it does happen.

- d. Whether or not a contract is required between dispatch owner and owner of vehicle by BMC.
- e. Bike/Pedestrian path on the highway.
 - i. Discussion held and comments made that the new highway has plans of a bike path included.
- B. Mayor Dymant
 - a. Aware of a person who sold their "license," how does that work?
 - i. Discussion on the difference between license and permit, and current procedures involved with selling permits.
 - b. Would like to have copies of BMC 2.25, 2.52, title 5 & 6 given to all members for review before next meeting.
- C. Mr. Chung
 - a. Question on whether Bailie will be Transportation Inspector or Transportation Technician.
 - i. Discussion on whether the Chief of Police is Transportation Inspector or if the Transportation Inspector is the Chief's designee.
 - ii. Ordinance does not mention a Transportation Technician.
 - iii. Discussion on whether giving the title of Transportation Inspector to a designee gives the designee too much power.
 - iv. Decided by Commission that the designee is Transportation Inspector per Ordinance, but that the Chief of Police still has final authority.
 - b. According to Ordinance there cannot be a new cab business created, therefore if Dispatch permit is not used for 90 days, then the dispatch permit ceases to exist.
 - i. Discussion on Dispatch Permit Payments.
 - c. Currently individual permit owners must subscribe to a dispatch service ie, Alaska Cab Co, Taxi Cab Co., Quyanan Cab Co., Kusko Cab Co. Individuals must pay an additional \$400.00 to the dispatch company to use the companies radios. Mr. Chung suggested that if there is one Dispatching service created for the individual permit owners than there would be no need to pay the \$400 to a specific dispatch service.
- D. Chairperson Hastie
 - a. No comment.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION TO ADJOURN**

MOVED BY:	Dymant	August 8 th , 2005 at 8:45 pm
SECONDED BY:	Springer	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Monday – September 12th, 2005


John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Brodie Broerman, Recorder



CITY OF BETHEL

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MEMORANDUM

To: Selena Malone, City Clerk

From: John Malone, Acting City Manager

Date: July 15, 2004

Subject: Cadastral GIS Grant Project

Enclosed you will find an executed agreement between the city and ASCG for the Cadastral Project Grant. Section 24 of the agreement states that the agreement does not go into effect until approved and authorized by council.

We needed to proceed with the agreement due to an "eleventh" hour noticing by the Bureau of Land Management (July 12th) that the grant agreement and federal financial reporting forms had to be submitted to them no later than July 15th. This has been done.

Please bring this to the attention of the mayor at your earliest convenience so that it can be placed on the council's agenda.