
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

August 13, 2007

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission held on Aug. 13, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the City Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chair, Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:00.

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

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Chief of Police Ben Dudley

Administrative Assistant Lori Strickler

III. Appeal hearing for Seok Jong Cho and Appeal hearing for Permit 25, owner Joe Yoon, Qu yana Cab Co.

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	Extend the Temporary Vehicle Permit and Temporary Chauffeur License for 40 days from the prior expiration date August 18, 2007. The new date of expiration for the temporary permit/license will be September 27 th , 2007.
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	Continue on the course of action, the appeal for each appellant will proceed, the date is to be determined.
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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IV. Appeal hearing for Shpetim Dema's chauffeur license revocation.

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	Ask Mrs. Sigmon, the City Attorney to act as the hearing officer.
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion

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

A. Alla Tinker

- a. Requests Mark Springer speak on behalf of the cab industry at the Council Meeting.
- b. A lot to say against the ONC Resolution, they are not representing.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF AUGUST 13, 2007

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion

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

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	
SECONDED BY:	Middlebrook	

Discussion

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

- A. Out of 50 plus applicants for the one Wasilla Police Department position, seven were called back for interviews. Out of the seven, four were Bethel Police Officers. The chances of a Bethel Police Officer hired by the Wasilla Police Department are better than good. Keeping in mind the Officers who have also applied with the State Troopers
- B. Half of the staff at the Police Department is work five, twelve-hour shifts a week, concern about fatigue (article from "Police Fatigue, an Accident Waiting to Happen" handed out).
- C. One Police Officer hired, and waiting on the paperwork for one other. A Community Service Officer was hired.
- D. Chief Dudley shared some calls he had dealt with during the day, describing the derogatory connotation towards police officers portrayed by the individuals calling for his help. In addition, when individuals call the Police Department for assistance on non-priority issues and the resolution to the situation would require an inconvenience to the complainant, the matter becomes less pressing for the individual.

IX. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

- A. Keeping accurate calculations of the vehicle permit payments has been an ongoing problem. According to the print outs I receive from finance there are many permits who have not paid for a few months. A new system needs to be established.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Business License

MOVED BY:	Lefferts	Amend 5.20.150.
SECONDED BY:	Miller	

Discussion: Further clarification on who needs a business license is needed prior to amendment.

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	Table to the next meeting and ask Finance Director Laurie Walters to attend the next meeting to help verify the issues.
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	

Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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B. Drug Testing for Chauffeur Applicants

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bethel Police Department Recruiting and Retaining
- B. Chauffeur Written Test

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook	Table until the next meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Miller	

Discussion

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

A. Eric Middlebrook

- a. No Comment

B. Mark Miller

- a. The Commission has taken a greater circle from when I first came on.
- b. Glad the road improvements are coming along.

C. Charley Chung

- a. No Comment

D. Brian Lefferts

- a. Add Police Dept Recruiting and Retaining to the next agenda, I will have a recommendation for the Commission/Council at that time.
- b. Thank you, Police Dept. and Chief Dudley for handing out the ice-cream coupons to kids wearing their bicycle helmet correctly.

E. Mark Springer

- a. Please to hear there is one new officer and another potential, it speaks highly of Chief Dudley and his recruitment.
- b. I intend on going to the Council to speak on behalf of the Commission at the Public Hearing for the Fare Increase.
- c. I will also try to address the ONC Resolution at the Council meeting.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	Middlebrook
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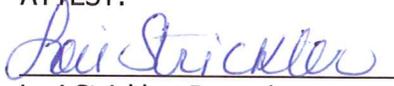
SECONDED BY:	Lefferts	
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Discussion

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Mark Springer, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, Recorder