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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

### II. ROLL CALL

Present: Pat Jennings *Vice Chair*  
 Sharon Sigmon *Council Representative*  
 Joan Dewey  
 Naim Shabani

Excused absent: Johnny Furlong *Chair*  
 Jennifer Dobson

Ex-Officio Present: Bill Howell *Acting Fire Chief*  
 Andre Achee *Police Lieutenant*

### III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Kisha Lee- Tundra Women's Coalition: *Teens Acting Against Violence Coordinator, helped coordinate the freedom school over the summer, Undoing Racism for Youth- learned about institutionalized racism, planning and thinking of ways that we can combat this in our area. They have been having Youth Undoing Racism meetings every week in the hopes of becoming a more socially just community. The next training is October 28-30<sup>th</sup>.*

Cheryl Offt- Indian Child Welfare Act Dept. at AVCP: *Offers Healthy Families the Yupik Way. Would like to extend an invitation to city employees to participate the workshop. Provides an overview of the Yupik culture and how things came to be. Also provides an Undoing Racism workshop which is about how systems work as a barrier for certain groups of people.*

Lucy Mochin- Healthy Families Facilitator: *Not present to be heard.*

### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED:</b>	Shabani	Motion to approve the agenda.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Sigmon	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Sigmon	Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of April 1 and May 6, 2014.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Dewey	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**VI. SPECIAL ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**A. Public Safety Housing Grant (presentation by John Sargent)**

Presented with Michelle Dewitt *BCSF*

<b>MOVED:</b>	Dewey	Motion to recommend that City Council prepare an MOU partnership with BCSF for a housing grant for Public Safety Personnel.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Shabani	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**B. Resignation of Jennifer Dobson**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Sigmon	Motion to accept the resignation of Jennifer Dobson.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Dewey	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor	

**VII. CHIEFS' COMMENTS**

Andre Achee- *Fire Chief George Young retired effective the 20<sup>th</sup> of last month. Acting Chief is William Howell. Business as usual at the Police Department. Last Thursday the District Attorneys Office took a case to Grand Jury- Aaron Moses was indicted on two felony counts of assault and a felony count of criminal mischief- damage to property. Last week Jerry Herrod tendered his resignation, gave two week notice. Vincent Bryant gave one months notice will go back to the lower 48. One conditional offer for a police officer is out, another for a dispatcher who will start training in a couple of weeks. Wendy Roland successfully completed her dispatch training, Chelsea Lake another dispatcher is in her final phase. Jena will be leaving Bethel but has promised to stay until we find a suitable replacement.*

**VIII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT**

KaJena Baty- *Not present to be heard.*

**IX. COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

Council Member Sigmon- *The council tried to put a lease in effect for the Police Annex because it was being misused by different city employees. So to get it uniform they can stay there for three months. Elections are coming up, the Mayor and Eric Whitney will not be running again. There are three positions opening up. The Leash Law Compliance Resolution was taken to the Council over the break and it has been taken care of. The may still be leashes to be handed out. If you see any loose dogs please get a hold of somebody. Walt Bratton will be coming up*

from Riodoso for a site visit for about two days; close to thirty applicants for the City Manager Position were interviewed.

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Items

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Revocation of Chauffeur Permits.**

**I. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

Naim Shabani- Will have some agenda items for reconsideration at the next meeting. Hopes everyone had a nice summer.

Joan Dewey- Encourages this commission, administration, and law enforcement to do some outreach and send some people to the Undoing Racism and Healthy Families workshops. The Undoing Racism is done by nationally renowned facilitators; it is a very good experience. Thinks it would be good to show that people are open to the topic.

Sharon Sigmon- Is very excited that we are having meetings again. Thinks there are a lot of issues that need to be addressed in the community, thinks the summer recess helped. Happy to be here.

Pat Jennings- Glad that Andre finally took the Chief's position. Thinks this housing grant will alleviate turn over problems and be better than the barn that has been being used since the 70s. Glad for the time off, recommended it because it is difficult to get a quorum over the summer.

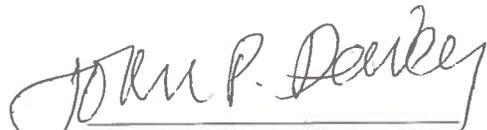
**II. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Shabani	Motion to adjourn.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Sigmon	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

APPROVED THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April, 2014.

  
KaJena Baty, Recorder

  
Johnny Furlong, Chair  
