

**Regular Meeting  
Public Safety & Transportation Commission  
Monday, September 10, 2001**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commission members present were John Hastie, Hugh Short, Jr., Brad Kehoe, Tae Hwa Chung, and Guy Mercurief. Ex-Officio members present were Robert K. Pettitt, Chief of Police, and Janette Persinger.

**ROLL CALL**

One member of the community was heard. The member of the community had questions regarding requirements of drug testing and the times and dates of meetings.

**PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

Item number VIII was stricken from the agenda so that Mr. Steele could be present to answer any questions regarding testing procedures. Under item number IX New Business (c) was added - rescinding of subpoena order for taxicab records. A motion was made Mr. Kehoe to accept the amended agenda and seconded Mr. Short, Jr. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 08/13/01 by Mr. Kehoe and seconded by Mr. Short, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 08/13/01**

There were no comments by either the Fire Chief and Chief of Police. Included in each Commission member's packet was the Taxi Technician Andrew Steele's report.

**CHIEFS' COMMENTS**

Karl Powers from Ptarmigan Air presented information regarding the floatplane operation on H-Marker Lake. Apparently, a committee was formed by the community and went before the Planning Commission to ask that all commercial operations be shut down off of the lake. They cited the following three reasons: noise abatement, wildlife, and fuel exposure to the lake. Ptarmigan Air went to Fish and Wildlife and the FAA and obtained letters of support from them for floatplane operations off of the lake. All of entities concur that the floatplane operation is a safe operation. It was concluded that the issue is an FAA issue and the Commission does not have the authority to interfere. It was recommended, however; that signage be placed on Tundra Ridge road – Watch For Low Flying Aircraft – for

**NEW BUSINESS  
ITEM (a)  
DISCUSSION AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR FLOAT PLANE  
OPERATIONS**

vehicles coming both directions. Mr. Powers did point out that floatplane operations do bring in important tourism dollars to the Delta.

Robert K. Petitt, Chief of Police presented information regarding an individual in Bethel who would provide dispatch services to the taxicab industry. Chief Petitt asked that the issue be brought forward to the next Commission meeting so that the individual would be able to provide a presentation.

**ITEM (b)  
DISPATCH SERVICES**

Mr. Short, Jr. proposed that the Commission should revisit the issue of subpoenaing the taxicab industry and rescind the subpoena order. An extensive discussion ensued deliberating what direction the Commission wanted to take. It was decided by the Commission that Mr. Short, Jr. could not participate in a motion or vote to rescind the subpoena order because of an active suit against the City. Mr. Short, Jr. informed the Commission that the suit was in the process of being dropped. In light of these circumstances, a quorum could not be reached to resolve the issue. A special meeting was called for on Friday, September 14, 2001 at 12:00pm at the Bethel Police Department Conference Room. A roll call vote will be taken at that time.

**ITEM (c)  
RESCINDING THE  
SUBPOENA ORDER  
FOR TAXICAB  
RECORDS**

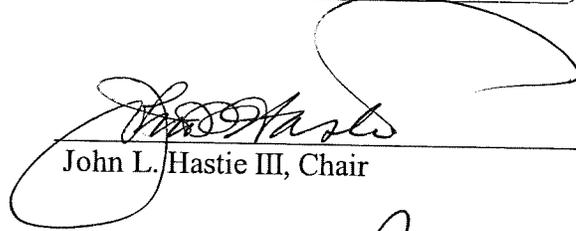
A member of the community asked for a clarification of the drug testing procedures. Discussion ensued regarding pre-employment drug testing. It was brought forth that there has been some confusion with the way that the ordinance reads and the way that it pertains to pre-employment drug testing. Chief Petitt stated that perhaps the language of the ordinance should be amended so as to clarify that the pre-employment drug testing will not be required for renewal of a permit, as per City Council's request it will only be required for pre-employment drug testing. The issue will be brought forward to the next meeting, as well as a second public hearing.

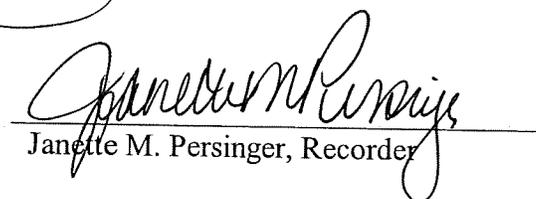
**PUBLIC HEARING --  
DRUG TESTING  
PROCEDURES**

Mr. Merculief motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30pm. Mr. Short, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF October, 2001

  
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John L. Hastie III, Chair

  
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Janette M. Persinger, Recorder