

**Regular Meeting
Public Safety & Transportation Commission
September 11, 2000**

Chairperson Mary Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members present included James Blake, Mary Gregory, Guy Mercurief, Carl Berger, Mike O'Brien, and Tai Hwa Chung. Members absent included James Berlin and John Hastie. Ex-Officio Members present included Chief Robert Petitt. Chief Petitt was the recorder.

ROLL CALL

None.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Motion was made by Mr. Blake and seconded by Mr. O'Brien to accept the minutes of 8/7/00 as written. There was a call for the question and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion was held to add items to the agenda under old business. It was suggested to add the Motion of Reconsideration regarding taxi permit # 73 to item number one under old business and discussion on transportation ordinance re-write and item number two. Mr. Mercurief wanted to add school zone safety under item number three. Motion was made by Mr. Blake and seconded by Mr. Berger to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chief reported the hiring of the new DMV clerk and that the office was now open for business as usual. The Chief reported that the Transportation Technician, Andrew Steele, was on vacation and there would be no Transportation Inspectors Report.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Mr. Chung, no comments. Mr. O'Brien, no comments, Mr. Mercurief stated that he would like to thank the police department for making a public announcement about people driving in the early morning hours without headlights. He also wanted people to be mindful of the children playing in the streets in the morning and its staying darker later in the morning before the school buses pick them up. Mr. Blake, no comments. Mary Gregory said that she would like it if commission members are not going to be in the meeting that

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they let someone know. Also if they miss three meetings unexcused then they could be automatically replaced. She said that the commission members should be courteous to other members and let them know if you are not going to be at a meeting. We have to follow the rules of the city or the ordinances and we need to abide by them and all of us need to be aware of those things. I would also like to say that at Watson's corner a lot of people get frustrated with the stop and go and my only concern is congestion at winter when it starts snowing. Mr. Blake commented that if they abide by the stop and go principle the it still shouldn't be a problem, your going to have to anticipate the stop a little sooner in winter time but other than that it should still function I would think. Carl Berger, no comments.

A discussion was held on the city's motion to reconsider the Public Safety Transportations Commission's decision and its findings of fact and conclusions of law. Mr. Blake had a question of the issue of less than a majority that signed and approved the findings and conclusions. It was pointed that there are eight commission members including the city council representative. Therefore it would require that a minimum of five signatures would be needed to sign the document. Further discussion was held on the points made under the motion for reconsideration. A motion was made by Mr. Mercurief and seconded by Mr. O'Brien that the Public Safety Transportation Commission reconsider its decision on its findings, facts and conclusions regarding Taxicab number 73's operation and permit. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed 5-1.

A discussion was held on the re-write of the Transportation Ordinance. Mr. O'Brien stated that the city attorney was working with an attorney that is representing several cab companies and they have come up with several suggestions. The matter has been postponed to the next meeting for a report on the progress of the new ordinance.

Mr. Mercurief wanted to discuss public safety as it pertains to the road system and school children. He would like people to be more aware that it's getting darker once again and the day light hours are getting short at both ends of the candle stick, so we need to practice more safety throughout the community. Mayor O'Brien said that he would make it a point to relay this information to the public on his mayor's report at the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No new business

The next meeting is scheduled for the first Monday of October (October 2, 2000) at 7:00 pm in the city offices conference room.

Mr. Berger moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Mr. Blake. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN REPORT – 8/28/00

TAXI'S

The August inspections have been completed. Next year the biannual inspections will be organized by cab line and by month as per the listed schedule.



Alaska/Checker Cab – January & July
Camai Cab – February & August
City/Quyana Cab – March & September
Kusko Cab - April & October
Taxi Cab – May & November
Yellow Cab – June & December.

This should effectively end the bottleneck caused by the majority of the cab industry turning up for inspections at the same time. It will also ease the load on me, making it easier to catch any infractions.

DMV

The DMV has continued to operate in the evenings and on Saturdays while a new clerk was chosen. This process has now been completed and the new clerk is Janette Persinger, who has just recently moved to Bethel from Wasilla. She has concluded her DMV training at the Anchorage office and has returned to operate the office at its revived daytime hours of 10:00 to 4:00 from today, 8/28/00, onward. Because the Anchorage office is unable to oversee the new employee with an employee of their own for her first week, the previous employee will be available to help and trouble shoot Ms. Persinger. Income at the DMV during this transition period has amassed \$5,929 bringing the overall total taken to \$69,899.00.

Road test statistics from 2/23/00 through 8/17/00 show that there have been 198 test bookings.

Of these there have been 8 vehicle failures (4%), 32 no shows (16%) and 32 straight fails (16%). This makes an overall fail rate of 36%.