

City of Bethel
Transportation Commission
Regular Meeting of
October 3, 1996

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order at 7:20 by Acting Chairman Himshoot.
- II. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Doreen O'Brien, Gloria Rhodes,
 & Bob Himshoot Jr., Wally Richardson, Richard Robb (Chief Eilers)

Absent: Thor Williams (excused)
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
motion M/M O'Brien, 2nd by Rhodes to approve minutes as amended.
 To Change: Richard Robb from unexcused to excused under absent.
vote Voice vote passed unanimously.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
motion M/M by Richardson, 2nd by O'Brien to approve the agenda with the
 addition of Item B under new business, Inspections.
vote Voice vote passed unanimously.
- V. **TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT**
Acting Transportation Inspector read report.
- VI. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

Rhodes - No Comment.
O'Brien - Stated she had been approached about the number of cabs and
questioned about the most common make and model. [would like an answer to the
question]
Richardson stated that here has been questions about how the cab industry became
unregulated. Several years ago there was a big signature drive to unregulate it. It
was placed on the ballot. Voters passed the question to deregulate the cab
industry. The matter would need to go to a vote again. It will take the same
process a voter petition to get on the ballot.

Rick Robb added - that in his research he found that the City Attorney had said it was an illegal vote and so Council changed the ordinance around the mid 80's.

Himshoot - We can build a good case to re-regulate it.

O'Brien - said she will do research through the archives to find the arguments for and against.

Himshoot - So many cabs can't make a living. Do we need a work session on this?

Cab owners would need to be at the meeting. A standby date of Wed Oct 23rd was set for a work session.

Richardson stated that since Thor was elected to the Council she would probably give the Transportation Commission Council representative to him.

Rhodes would like to nominate O'Brien as the new chairman. O'Brien said she'd like to table this until the November meeting.

VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no people to be heard.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Item A: River Cabs: Robb suggested a working group with the cab drivers present as well as inviting, search & rescue, AST etc.

motion M/M by Richardson 2nd by O'Brien to use the work session for River Cabs and make another work session for deregulating the cab industry. Make river cabs topic of Work Session and a November agenda item.

Vote Voice vote passed by all present

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Item A: Appeal of Byung Lim

After a great deal of discussion, questions to Mr. Lim, and input from the Chief and Lt Ely a motion was made.

motion M/M by Rhodes 2nd by O'Brien - if Mr Lim clears the information the Chief finds about the FBI # and further back ground checks from CA and AK then we agree to give him a conditional permit based on the following conditions. He read and understand the Vehicle for Hire Ordinance, State laws pertaining to vehicles for hire, and obeys all ordinances and laws. He is to report back to the Commission next month (Nov) and then every quarter until past the five years on convictions is passed (two years). [The actual dates of his quarterly appearances to be set at November meeting provided he is to be awarded a conditional permit.]

In addition if he passes the further back ground checks to be completed no

later than Monday, he is to be given a temporary permit until the November Meeting.
Vote Voice vote: Passed by all present.

Item B: Discussion Item: Inspections

Chief Eilers stated The Ordinance states cabs are to be inspected at least two times a year. He reported he felt it unfair to have cabs inspected every time they transfer. We do random inspections now and could pull a cab off the road that is an obvious safety hazard.
Chief Eilers stated how he would like to implement a rotating inspection system yet still not letting a cab transfer etc with an inspection over six months old.
Himshoot stated it should be up to the Chief's discretion
motion M/M Richardson 2nd by O'Brien to review information on stickers be used to show which cycle the cars are in.
Vote Voice vote passed by all present

X. ADJOURNMENT

motion M/M by Richardson 2nd by O'Brien to adjourn at 9:05 pm.
Voice vote passed unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1996.

Vice Chairman Bob Himshoot Jr.

