
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

October 5th, 2015

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on October 5th, 2015 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 7:05PM

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Joan Dewey *Chair*
 Alisha Welch *Vice Chair*
 Chuck Herman *Council Representative*
 Deborah White

Absent: Naim Sabani

Ex-Officio Present: Bill Howell *Fire Chief*
 Andre Achee *Chief of Police* (via telephone conference)
 Diane Typpo for Christina Him *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Frank Mazzaro – *What section of the BMC code states that there is a violation for customers who are not paying cab fares. Would like to post a sign in his cab that states that it is a violation to not pay to eliminate the problem altogether.*

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Herman	Motion to approve the agenda.
SECONDED:	Welch	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED:	Welch	Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 1, 2015.
SECONDED:	Herman	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.
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VI. CHIEFS' COMMENTS

Chief Bill Howell- *See Report in Commission Packet*

Chief Andre Achee – *Monthly stats for the month of September is not completed yet, due to the person who typically compiles the statistics being on leave. Officer Quinn is our new police officer; he has a little over 10 years of experience. His wife was also recently hired as a Public Safety Dispatcher, and she has about 10 years of experience as well.*

Last month we lost Officer Alicia Chagluak to the Anchorage Police Department. Additionally, at the end of last week, Officer Fedolfi also tendered his resignation from the police department. We are doing our best to try to continue to retain and recruit officers, however it is a difficult process.

Other than that, this week PFD (Permanent Fund Dividend) came in, and it hit hard. We really appreciate the fire department and EMS for doing their part. Ambulance and EMS did a great job taking care of inebriates when we did not have a CSO/CSPs working this weekend on day shift.

Once I return, at the end of this week, I will have the updated current statistics for the month. We ran into some problems with the stats, we have two different types of record management systems that we utilize on eForce, which tells us the total number of calls and total types of call; which is different from the total number of arrests and police reports. The last two months there have been some confusion on this, so we are working on tightening this up on the program so we can get a better and accurate representation of the stats of police reports.

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

See Report in Commission Packet

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Herman – *We got a lot of stuff sent to us from Council, I am trying to be a little more active in terms of when things apply to the PSTC. I put one thing on here that does not have supporting documentation but I can discuss everything when we get to it.*

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Drug Screening Policy for Chauffeurs

MOVED:	Herman	Motion to postpone discussion to the next scheduled PSTC meeting due to Commission Member Sabani's absence.
SECONDED:	Welch	

B. Formal Recommendations/Clarification for disapproval of Ordinance #15-19, 15-20, 15-21

Discussed, recommendations for proposed ordinances will be drafted onto the appropriate Recommendations Form to City Council and presented to Council, once completed.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Curfew Policy

MOVED:	Herman	Motion to postpone discussion to the next scheduled PSTC meeting to consult with City Attorney, Patty Burley
SECONDED:	Welch	

B. Ordinance #15-31 Amending Operation of Low Speed Vehicles

MOVED:	Herman	Motion to recommend Ordinance #15-31 Amending Operation of Low Speed Vehicles, with changes.
SECONDED:	White	

C. Ordinance #15-32 Repealing and Replacing BMC 5.08, Alcoholic Beverages

Discussed, no action taken, requesting City Attorney Patty Burley's presence at the next scheduled meeting to discuss this more thoroughly.

I. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Chuck Herman- *Wanted to address Frank Mazzaro's concerns about passengers who are not paying cab fares in BMC. Referred question over to Chief Achee, who recommended that it is his legal right, to post the specific statute (AS 11.46.200 "Theft of services") in his vehicle if he wanted to. It is a class B misdemeanor crime, and he can call the BPD to press charges. Good luck to Alisha.*

Joan Dewey - *Thank you Deborah for being here and welcome. It will be an interesting night tomorrow with voting, if everyone votes. I am hoping this week, something changes, and it is less crazy out there. Good luck to Alisha, Thank you Diane for your participation.*

Deborah White – *No comments.*

Alisha Welch- *I would like to welcome Deborah to PSTC, it is nice to have another body on this commission so we can have a quorum.*

Chief Bill Howell – *I would like to thank the Council for being here and doing what you do. It is good to be a part of this process, I thank you guys and gals.*

Chief Andre Achee – *I Appreciate your time and apologize it's been two PSTC meetings in a row that unfortunately, I have been out of town. I am glad to be able to participate in the process.*

II. ADJOURNMENT

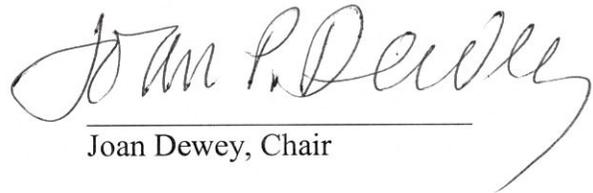
MOVED:	Herman	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Welch	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm

APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF November, 2015.



Christina Him, Recorder



Joan Dewey, Chair