
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

November 5, 2001

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on November 5, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson John Hastie called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the commission, the following were present:

John Hastie	Michael Cho
Jim Blake	
Tae Hwa Chung	
Brad Kehoe	

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Robert K. Pettitt, Chief of Police
Janette Persinger, Recorder

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mr. Frank Mazzaro voiced his concerns and asked that the renewal application process be simplified and stream lined.

Mr. Short, Sr. voiced his concerns over the testing procedures.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY:	Blake	To approve the amended minutes of the regular meeting on 10/8/01.
SECONDED BY:	Kehoe	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	Blake	To approve the regular agenda.
SECONDED BY:	Kehoe	

Under (a) of Old Business – Vehicle For Hire Ordinance – item 3 Testing Procedures was added.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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CHIEFS' COMMENTS

There were no comments by either the Fire Chief or the Chief of Police.

TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

Robert K. Petitt, Chief of Police deferred to Taxi Technician Andrew Steele's report. In the report Mr. Steele presented information about the DMV, the current fare structure and the fact that the taxicab industry is not following the structure, and the recommendation to have fire extinguishers equipped with gauges "on board" with the taxicab.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM A – Vehicle For Hire Ordinance

1. Renewal Application Process

After a lengthy discussion it was decided by Chief Petitt that he would take the item under advisement and begin an investigation to see if the process should and could be simplified under regulation. Chief will do the research and report back at the next meeting in December.

2. Fire Extinguishers

A discussion ensued regarding the fact that fire extinguishers should be readily accessible as well as equipped with a gauge that clearly indicates that the fire extinguisher is fully charged. It was decided by the Commission that perhaps this issue should be revisited at the next meeting so that further research may be done on the service of the extinguisher and the validity of the inspection tag as well as accuracy of the gauge.

3. Testing Procedures

MOVED BY:	Blake	To accept the testing procedures as presented to the Commission.
SECONDED BY:	Kehoe	

The written test, which consists of ten questions, was presented to the Commission. To pass an applicant may miss 70% - 7 out of 10 questions. The driving test will consist of three parts – 1. Vehicle Condition, 2. General Knowledge, and 3. Road Safety. A score of thirty (30) or more points will result in failure of the test.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by a roll call vote of 5-0.
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NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A – REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER & POLICE FACILITY

MOVED BY:	Kehoe	To provide a letter of resolution of support for the Regional Public Safety Training Center & Police Facility.
SECONDED BY:	Blake	

Chief Petitt gave an overview of the proposed Regional Public Safety Training Center & Police Facility including details concerning the partnerships and consortium that is being formed with the entities that will be involved in the project.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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ITEM B – PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM

Information was given to the Commission regarding the Public Transit System that Council Member Carl Berger is gathering. Commission member Brad Kehoe offered to contact Mr. Berger and be the liaison between the two of them. Mr. Kehoe will report back to the Commission at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

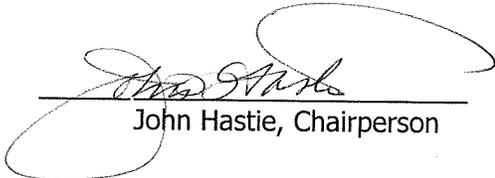
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	Chung	To adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Blake	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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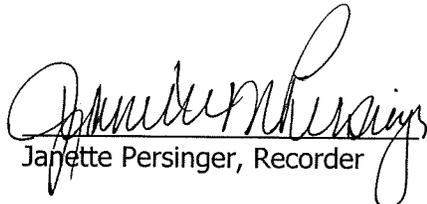
With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm, November 5, 2001.

Approved this 10th day of January, 2001.



John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Janette Persinger, Recorder