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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
**Tuesday, September 6th, 2016 -7:00 p.m.**  
**300 STATE HIGHWAY – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**AGENDA**

**Members**

Joan Dewey  
*Chair*

Eileen Henrikson  
*Vice Chair*

Mary Weiss  
*Council Representative*

Naim Shabani

Julene Webber

Daniel Maczynski

**Ex-Officio Members**

Andre Achee  
*Chief of Police*

William Howell III  
*Fire Chief*

Christina Him  
*Recorder*

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF June 7th, 2016 , July 5th, 2016 and August 2nd, 2016.
- VI. SPECIAL ITEM OF BUSINESS
  - A. PUBLIC HEARING: On the price and quality of service provided by all regulated vehicles, chauffeurs, and dispatch services
- VII. CHIEFS' COMMENTS
  - Fire Chief
  - Police Chief
- VIII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR'S REPORT
- IX. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMENTS
- X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Traffic Impact Analysis of the YKHC's hospital expansion project and Ayaprun Elitnaurvik's relocation to the Kipusvik Building (Ted Meyer, *City Planner*)
  - B. Consideration of a "Neighborhood Watch" program (Commission Member Maczynski)
- XI. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Community Service Options for Juvenile Offenses (Commission Member Maczynski)
  - B. Title 6 Proposal: Animal Control
  - C. Heroin Issue: Medical & behavioral health approaches & treatment options (Teri Forst, *Clinician, Bethel Family Clinic*)
  - D. Statewide Task Force Update on Heroin (Byron Maczynski, *Council Member*)
  - E. Western Alaska Alcohol & Narcotics Team (WAANT): Regional Update
- XII. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Christina Him, *Recorder*

POSTED on August 31st, 2016

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Next Public Safety and Transportation Commission Meeting will be **October 4th, 2016.**

*"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"*

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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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June 7, 2016

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on June 7th, 2016 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

### II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Eileen Henrikson *Vice Chair*  
Chuck Herman *Council Representative*  
Julene Webber  
Daniel Maczynski  
Ted Meyer *Planning Director*

Absent:

Joan Dewey *Chair*  
Naim Shabani

Ex-Officio Present:

Andre Achee *Chief of Police*  
Bill Howell *Fire Chief*  
Christina Him *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*

### III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Frank Mazzaro – Has an issue with the new city ordinance #15-21 requiring all taxicabs to have a video surveillance system. Feels that the camera system and the fees/citations associated it with costs a lot of money and feels he doesn't want to be a cab driver anymore. Feels that it is pointless, what if there is maintenance required for his cab, and if he has to disconnect his camera for purposes as these, he would be in violation of the ordinance.

### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED:</b>	Herman	Motion to approve the agenda.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Webber	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor.	

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Herman	Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of April 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 and May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2016
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Webber	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor.	

**VI. CHIEFS' COMMENTS**

Chief Bill Howell - *See Report in Commission Packet*

Chief Andre Achee

*The police department has tentatively accepted the increase in wages for current existing police officers. The Police and Fire departments came up with a reclassification, public safety classification and if everything goes through by the final ratification, existing officers will get between a 20-25% increase in their base pay. New employees coming in will be compensated in that level that is competitive with the market in Bethel. If everything goes through, we will have another officer back in Bethel by the end of next week, as he is scheduled to graduate from the Academy this Friday.*

*For the last couple of months, we have been working on our enhanced 9-1-1 system for dispatch. We are implementing an enhanced 9-1-1 system, which will give us (on landlines only right now), the names, addresses, and locations of where the call is calling from. The equipment is being shipped out today; it was received in Anchorage a couple of days ago at the barge and should be delivered tomorrow morning in Bethel. The E9-1-1 crew will come out and hook it up once it is here. We don't have full geo maps yet, but we are working with the Planning department to get the current existing geo map so that it will blend in with the program. We are tentatively looking at getting the system up and operational by July 1<sup>st</sup>. During that time, there will be specialized training for dispatchers and admin personnel for the utilization of that equipment. The second phase of the new system upgrade will happen sometime next year, it is called Phase 2 and is specifically for cell phones. Currently 9-1-1 calls from cell phones are not able to be located. We applied for a license from the FCC (Federal Communications Commission), however it takes one year for the company (GCI) to be in compliance. The second phase of this enhancement allows us to find out not only who is calling, but also their location from a cell phone if they dial 9-1-1. Right now, only the Bethel hub will get this enhancement for this region. Dispatch is excited about this new upgrade. Additionally, for those that are TTY, the new 9-1-1 system will eliminate a separate keyboard, and everything will be computerized so it is basically voice to text to make it easier for members who need that extra support.*

*We wrapped up a couple of burglary cases, we had good leads/assistance from the public and we sent out a Press Release. The PD's official Facebook account was launched since our last meeting, and it has been very popular. There was some misconception that Council banded social media, but we do have a social media policy in place. The Council did pass the social media policy. We are compliant with the records aspect of this, as we have a third party vendor that maintains all of the records for us as required since we are a government agency. We are getting very good feedback, and Christina and Natalie are our two primary administrators on our Facebook account. We are also putting out our press release out there, which gives us the*

*opportunity to put out information faster including our stats. We have profanity filters set up on our site, which allows us to censor certain types of remarks, however, the comments/remarks are still captured by our social media archiving system and it is still part of public record. In 2 weeks, we had 1,000 likes, and we have had over 3,000-4,000 "hits" on some of our press releases that we published on our account. On Mondays we do a "weekend wrap-up", Tuesdays are "Trivia Tuesday", Wednesdays are "Warrant Wednesdays" for outstanding warrants, and Saturdays are "Safety Tip Saturday." We have done that (Warrant Wednesdays) for two weeks, and the public (including villages and local calls) has assisted us in helping locate these individuals, whom were remanded within 3 hours of our post being published on Facebook. It helps us promote our public relations within the community, and puts out information out there as well as linking the public to other sites for informational matters.*

*We appreciate PSTC's support, as well as Chuck's support on the Council for our budget. We are coming close to the end of the fiscal budget and we are trying to get more equipment needed for the department. Our biggest issue is that pretty much half of our patrol fleet is down, as V&E does not have enough mechanics. However, we have received authorization to get our vehicles serviced at private sectors.*

*We are assisting AST's WAANT (Western Alaska Alcohol and Narcotics Team) unit with the best that we can, however it is their case (in reference to the recent busts). WAANT has received assistance from several different task forces in Alaska to close out their cases. This is an on-going investigation, the WAANT or State Troopers may be putting out a press release soon about what is going on.*

*We are wrapping up a least 10 residential and business burglaries where a lot of stolen item/equipment was seized, including firearms. The WAANT unit also assisted us with that operation as well as federal authorities because the U.S. Fish & Wildlife was broken into and some of their equipment was taken.*

*It is great that Council is supporting us with the reclassification/pay range of officers, but we still have to hire some more officers. Sergeant Gwen Drake's last day is the 19<sup>th</sup> of the month, and we are still down officers. I have been talking to the City Manager about emergency hires, which we are authorized to do per ordinance and possibly to do temporary assignments to supplement existing staff otherwise by July 1st, there will be only one officer on each shift, which will be very dangerous. I have employees that have changed their leaves several times to accommodate the department but I can't do it again, as their personal lives will be devastated. Right now, I have three officers committed that are retired, but still certified, and that has worked in Bethel to help us out. I am hoping that the emergency hires will go through next week, so that we have at least one officer with boots on the ground, especially during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. The Fire department has been great in assisting us with alcohol related calls.*

## **VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT**

*See Report in Commission Packet*

## **VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

Council Member Herman – *I think everyone knows, but I've submitted my letter of resignation, it will be effective on the 15th of this month, so I will no longer be on Council or on this commission. You will be assigned a new council member on this commission; it is possible that it could be a new person. I have no idea who that is going to be, but you will have a new person hopefully by the next meeting. Beyond that, Chief has already covered kind of the main budget stuff that has gone on. We have had about 8 budget meetings so far and a grand total of 0 people that have actually come in to talk about the budget. Other than that, I don't really have anything else to say, if anyone has any questions, I'd be happy to answer them.*

## **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. PSTC's Recommendation to increase Police Officer Pay upon Academy Completion**

*Passed by Council, addressed in Council Packet.*

### **B. Traffic Impact Analysis of the YKHC's Hospital Expansion Project and Ayaprun Elitnaurvik's relocation to the Kipusvik Building (Ted Meyer, City Planning Director)**

*Discussed, no action taken.*

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Amending BMC Title 5 \_ Removing Buses (Council Member Herman)**

*Requested to be removed by Chief Achee, as this topic has been addressed in the Council Packet.*

### **B. Consideration of a "Neighborhood Watch" Program (Commission Member Maczynski)**

*Discussed, no action taken.*

## **XI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

*Julene Webber – I just want to reiterate, thank you Council Member Herman. I wish you well on your endeavors and safe travels. I appreciate the neighborhood watch. I appreciate both Chiefs, always our recorder and Miss Eileen for heading our meeting and being very active in this community.*

*Chief Andre Achee – Thanks everyone, thank you Chuck. I appreciate you being on the commission as well as on Council, and for having 3 daughters that went to or still in high school; I appreciate you for being at the high school.*

*Chuck Herman - Thank you all for being on this commission and helping out. It has been pretty cool. I think we've been kind of the most (from my view) productive, effective commission, even though they didn't always listen to us. With the big increase, feels like we*

have managed to meet at least the majority of the time we are suppose to and get stuff through, so that was pretty cool.

Daniel Maczynski – I wish I was able to come in sooner, you and my brother kind of inspired me to kind of be more involved in the community. Hope to see you come back. I went to school with you, and you both kind of inspired me to help with the City and be more involved.

Chief Bill Howell – Thank you all for you service on a day like today. Thank you Chuck, it's been a joy working with you.

Christina Him – Best of luck Chuck, thanks everybody for showing up and being active participants, and for running a tight ship here thank you Eileen.

Eileen Henrikson – Again, thank you Chuck for everything, and for your help even not on the commission and city council, you helped me in April.

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

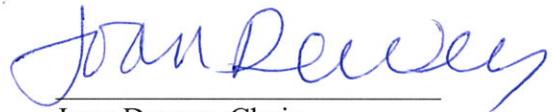
<b>MOVED:</b>	Webber	Motion to adjourn.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Herman	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

APPROVED THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September, 2016.



Christina Him, Recorder



Joan Dewey, Chair

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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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July 5, 2016

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on July 5, 2016 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 7:17pm

### II. ROLL CALL

Present: Joan Dewey *Chair*  
Eileen Henrikson *Vice Chair*  
Julene Webber  
John Sargent

Excused Absent: Naim Shabani  
Daniel Macynski  
Mary Weiss  
Andre Achee *Chief of Police*

Ex-Officio Present: Daron Solesbee *Fire Captain*, in lieu of Fire Chief Bill Howell  
Christina Him *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*

A quorum was not established of the Commission.

### III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF September, 2016.



Christina Him, Recorder



Joan Dewey, Chair

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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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August 2, 2016

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on August 2, 2016 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 7:03pm

### II. ROLL CALL

Present: Joan Dewey *Chair*  
Daniel Maczynski

Excused Absent: Mary Weiss *Council Representative*  
Eileen Henrikson *Vice Chair*  
Naim Shabani  
Julene Webber

Ex-Officio Present: Andre Achee *Chief of Police*  
Christina Him *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*

Ex-Officio Absent: Bill Howell *Fire Chief*

A quorum was not established of the Commission.

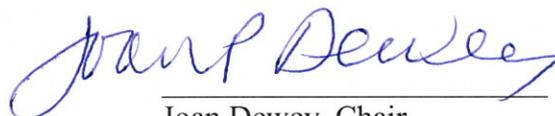
### III. ADJOURNMENT

*Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.*

APPROVED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September, 2016.



Christina Him, Recorder



Joan Dewey, Chair



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BETHEL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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DATE: August 17, 2016  
TO: Ann Capella, City Manager  
FROM: Andre Achee, Chief of Police   
SUBJECT: BPD Current Staffing Levels

Current police department staffing are as follows:

	Budgeted Positions	Filled Positions
Police Officer	8	2*
Investigator	1	1
Investigation Sergeant	1	1
Patrol Sergeant	2	1**
Lieutenant	1	0
Chief	1	1
<b>Total Sworn Personnel:</b>	<b>14 (8 vacancies)</b>	<b>6</b>
Dispatch Supervisor	1	1
Dispatchers	5	4
Community Service Officer	2	1
Community Service Patrol	3	1
Administrative Assistant	1	1
<b>Total Support Staff:</b>	<b>12 (4 vacancies)</b>	<b>8</b>

	Budgeted Positions	Filled Positions
<b>Total Police Staffing:</b>	<b>26 (12 vacancies)</b>	<b>14</b>

\* Conditional offer extended for police officer candidate. Going through final phase testing.

\*\* Conditional offer has been extended and accepted. Starting day 9/10/2016.

We currently have hired 4 temporary police officers to supplement the current patrol staffing. The temporary police officers are all currently certified by APSC as police officers, and hold either an Intermediate or Advanced Police Officer Certificate. These temporary police officers all have between 8 and 30 years of experience in Alaska, as well as rural bush Alaska and Bethel law enforcement experience.

The temporary police officers work a 14-day schedule at 12 hours per day rotation. We generally have only one temporary officer on per rotation, but have scheduled an additional temporary officer to meet staffing needs.

We are continually working to recruit applicants. We have advertised on several free recruitment sites including the State of Alaska’s job bank, and specific law enforcement sites including PoliceOne.com.

Additionally, we have posted vacancies on the City’s website and our own FaceBook site. We strive to continue to monitor various posting sites to maintain accurate information about the Bethel Police Department recruitment. We have also initiated a new email address specifically for our department’s recruitment efforts, [PoliceRecruitment@cityofbethel.net](mailto:PoliceRecruitment@cityofbethel.net). We hope this will streamline our efforts to contact and communicate with prospective candidates for all of our vacant positions, including but not limited to police officers, dispatchers, community service officers and community service patrol.

After the ratification of the current Public Safety pay scale, we have had several experienced police officers contact the Bethel Police Department regarding employment opportunities, for various positions within the Police Department.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me.

CITY OF BETHEL  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**



TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT: August 2016

2016	August
New Chauffeurs	2
Chauffeur Renewals	5
Chauffeur Transfers	0
Vehicle Permit Renewals	0
Vehicle Transfers	6
Inspections	7
Revocations	0
Temporary Permits	0

- Camai Cab had its semi-annual inspection this month, there were no major issues.
- There were 3 complaints made this month, all were driving complaints and were followed up by an officer.
- 2 Citations were issued this month, one was for a chauffeur who did not have a car seat inside of her taxicab (BMC 5.20.170) and the other was for a chauffeur who did not have his chauffeur's license posted inside of his cab (BMC 5.40.040).

MEMO

TO: City of Bethel Public Safety and Transportation Commission  
FROM: Ted Meyer, City Planner  
SUBJECT: Traffic Impact Assessment for YKHC Expansion Project  
DATE: Sept. 6, 2016

DOT&PF is working to finalize the Traffic Impact Assessment, which is now is 99% complete. The #1 mitigation alternative to the projected increase in traffic is the construction of 2 center left turn lanes, one turning into the hospital and the other turning into the YK office building. DOT&PF expects the increase in traffic to be a slow growing problem over time as more and more workers come to Bethel to work at the hospital.

State Code requires the project owner to mitigate traffic and other impacts caused by the project. DOT&PF normally expects the project owner to foot 100% of the cost.

The next step is for DOT&PF, YK, and the City to meet to negotiate a written agreement which would include mitigation of the traffic increase and cost. It is anticipated this meeting would occur beyond September.

## LETTER FROM THE SURGEON GENERAL

Dear Colleague,

I am asking for your help to solve an urgent health crisis facing America: the opioid epidemic. Everywhere I travel, I see communities devastated by opioid overdoses. I meet families too ashamed to seek treatment for addiction. And I will never forget my own patient whose opioid use disorder began with a course of morphine after a routine procedure.

It is important to recognize that we arrived at this place on a path paved with good intentions. Nearly two decades ago, we were encouraged to be more aggressive about treating pain, often without enough training and support to do so safely. This coincided with heavy marketing of opioids to doctors. Many of us were even taught – incorrectly – that opioids are not addictive when prescribed for legitimate pain.

The results have been devastating. Since 1999, opioid overdose deaths have quadrupled and opioid prescriptions have increased markedly – almost enough for every adult in America to have a bottle of pills. Yet the amount of pain reported by Americans has not changed. Now, nearly 2 million people in America have a prescription opioid use disorder, contributing to increased heroin use and the spread of HIV and hepatitis C.

I know solving this problem will not be easy. We often struggle to balance reducing our patients' pain with increasing their risk of opioid addiction. But, as clinicians, we have the unique power to help end this epidemic. As cynical as times may seem, the public still looks to our profession for hope during difficult moments. This is one of those times.

That is why I am asking you to pledge your commitment to turn the tide on the opioid crisis. [Please take the pledge](#). Together, we will build a national movement of clinicians to do three things:

First, we will educate ourselves to treat pain safely and effectively. A good place to start is the [TurnTheTideRx pocket guide](#) with the CDC Opioid Prescribing Guideline. Second, we will screen our patients for opioid use disorder and provide or connect them with evidence-based treatment. Third, we can shape how the rest of the country sees addiction by talking about and treating it as a chronic illness, not a moral failing.

Years from now, I want us to look back and know that, in the face of a crisis that threatened our nation, it was our profession that stepped up and led the way. I know we can succeed because health care is more than an occupation to us. It is a calling rooted in empathy, science, and service to humanity. These values unite us. They remain our greatest strength.

Thank you for your leadership.



Vivek H. Murthy, M.D., M.B.A.

### **My recommendations for improving the issue in the YK-Delta**

- 1) Learn about the disease of addiction
- 2) Learn about the treatment options, resources for families, and admission criteria
- 3) Work together instead of duplicating efforts

### **Resources:**

Getting help starts with getting an assessment- (assessment options: BFC, YKHC, Sarah Angstman)  
Residential treatment- (PATC, multiple anchorage tx centers)  
Step down after residential - outpatient (available at BFC, YKHC, Sarah)

## Assessment Options

- Bethel Family Clinic- (907-543-3773) (Teri Forst & Joan Dewey)
  - Medicaid
  - Insurance
  - Self pay - \$175 for an assessment
  - Sliding fee scale (nobody is denied services due to their inability to pay- low income qualify for discounted services)
- Sarah Angstman, PhD- private practice (907-545-5330)
  - Insurance
  - Self pay- \$250 for an assessment
- YKHC Behavioral Health- (907-543-6101)
  - Medicaid
  - Insurance
  - Native beneficiaries
- Some treatment centers can do assessments over the phone