

City of Bethel, Alaska
Public Safety & Transportation Commission

January 3rd, 2005

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on January 3rd, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson John Hastie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

John Hastie	Charley Chung
Michael Cho	Mark Springer

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Chief of Police Benjamin Dudley
Brodie Broerman, Recorder

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF January 3rd, 2005

MOVED BY:	Springer	
SECONDED BY:	Cho	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF November 3rd, 2004 and December 6th, 2004

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES of December 6th, 2004

MOVED BY:	Springer	
SECONDED BY:	Cho	

Clarification needed on the November 3rd, 2004 minutes under item X, Mr. Dyments comments, sentence is incomplete.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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VI. CHIEF'S COMMENTS:

- A. HANDED OUT A TEAMWORK 2005 CALENDAR TO MEMBERS.

VII. TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN

- A. REVIEW OF CURRENT TAXI PROCEDURES

- a. Daily Transactions
 - i. Vehicle Transfers
 - ii. Permit Transfers (rare)
 - b. Monthly/ Random
 - i. Vehicle Inspections
 - c. Annual
 - i. Chauffeur/ Vehicle Permit Renewals
- B. ANNUAL CHAUFFEUR RENEWAL REPORT**
- a. Received a total of 79 chauffeur applications for renewal.
 - b. Discussion on difficulty enforcing late application fees and changing the chauffeur renewal schedule.
 - c. Chair requested Broerman to bring in a break down of permits and their owners to the next meeting.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. SPEED LIMITS / CHILDREN AT PLAY SLOW SIGNS.**
- a. Discussion on speed limits in residential areas. Several Commission Members have noted the speed difference between 25 mph and 20 mph. Members would like to consider recommending a speed limit change to the City Council
- B. RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL FOR ANIMAL CONTROL FEE SCHEDULE**
- a. Responsibility of dog ownership needs to be put back to the owners
 - b. Fees maintain the pound facility, added fee expenses would hopefully decrease dog impounds.
 - i. Watson requested to contact cities with higher fee schedules to find out if they have a lower number of impounds.
 - c. Discussion on the need for vaccination and rabies enforcement. Ideas on how to incorporate that into the fee schedule.
- C. RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SEATS ON THE PS & TC**
- a. Discussion on the difficulty of consistently filling the nine seats available for the PS & TC, and on how the Commission has been operating well with seven or eight seats.

MOTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

MOVED BY:	Cho	TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SEATS ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FROM NINE SEATS TO SEVEN SEATS
SECONDED BY:	Springer	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. ELECTIONS F CHAIR & VICE CHAIR**
- a. Mr. Cho nominated Mr. Hastie as Chair
 - i. Mr. Hastie accepted the nomination
 - b. Mr. Cho nominated Mr. Dickens as Vice-Chair
 - i. Mr. Dickens was not present or available to accept the nomination.

MOTION TO TABLE VICE-CHAIR ELECTION TO FEBRUARY 7th, 2005

MOVED BY:	Springer	
SECONDED BY:	Cho	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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X. COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mr. Hastie welcomed Mr. Springer to the commission.

Mr. Springer stated that he is interested in city service. He is a pedestrian / taxi consumer and that is one of the reasons he applied for the Commission.

Mr. Chung had no comment

Mr. Cho discussed the danger of kids egging cabs as well as private vehicles, as well as issues with the AC parking lot. He stated that cab drivers are not following the designated procedures for the AC Store.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	Springer	
SECONDED BY:	Cho	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m., January 3rd, 2005. Next meeting on Monday – February 7th, 2005

John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Brodie Broerman, Recorder