

**Regular Meeting
Public Safety & Transportation Commission
Monday, January 8, 2001**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Commission members present were James Blake, Kevin Carter, Tae Hwa Chung, John Hastie, Guy Mercurief, John Dickens, and Mike O'Brien. Ex-Officio members present were Chief Robert Petitt and Cyndee Simpson-Sugar.

ROLL CALL

There were no people to be heard.

**PEOPLE TO BE
HEARD**

Motion was made to approve the minutes of 11/6/00 by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Blake. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES OF 11/6/00**

Motion was made to approve the agenda by Mr. Dickens and seconded by Mr. O'Brien. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

Agenda item "VI Chiefs' Reports" was tabled until the Chief of Police arrived.

**CHIEFS' REPORTS
(TABLED)**

Transportation report was reviewed. Short discussion on driving test failures. Mr. Hastie praised Mr. Steele's testing standards.

**TRANSPORTATION
REPORT**

Motion was made to approve the transportation report by Mr. Blake and seconded by Mr. Dickens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hastie, chair, asked that the record reflect that Guy Mercurief arrived at 7:09 p.m.

Mr. Mercurief sent New Year's greetings to everyone and indicated that he will continue with his term on the Commission. Mr. Blake commented that the Commission seems to be coming along; we have a quorum, which we haven't for the past few meetings; and hopefully things are improving and we can get on with business at hand. Mike O'Brien said that it was good to be home. Mr. Carter commented on hopes for a good year and that people need to show up in order to get things done. Mr. Dickens had

MEMBER COMMENTS

questions for Chief Petitt regarding repairs to Sgt. Dudley's home and status of the case. Mr. Dickens also had a question about radio repairs. Mr. Hastie said that he was in the Philippines for 6 weeks and welcomed new members Kevin Carter and John Dickens. Mr. Hastie inquired about the new vehicle for hire ordinance. It was explained that the ordinance was going to be introduced at the next City Council meeting and then sent to the Public Safety & Transportation Commission for review. Copies of the new ordinance will be included in the next meeting packets.

There was an update that the letter of Revocation of cab permit #131 was sent to Mr. Chon and no response has been received on any correspondence to date. The letter to D.O.T. is a draft and has not been sent yet. The Commission agreed to have the letter finalized, signed by the Chair, and mailed. Mike O'Brien stated that the City administration had a conversation with D.O.T. about the possibility of putting down stripes for a crosswalk. The response from D.O. T was that they only painted during a certain time of the year and that was the only time they would paint. Mr. Carter said that there was a petition for a crosswalk being circulated at the hospital. Mr. O'Brien said that that information should probably be sent to Anchorage D.O.T. offices.

Chief Petitt indicated that one individual was arrested in for shooting at Sgt. Dudley's home. Another individual is in a village and will be arrested. They were both also involved in another shooting. Mr. Dickens asked if Chief Petitt would convey to Sgt. Dudley how sorry he was that the shooting happened and how much the people of Bethel appreciate his service. Mr. Dickens also asked about the condition of the radios. Chief said that the police department is working on getting the system running, but the whole console is falling apart. As the technician repairs one detail he finds another item worn out. Chief Petitt said that we've just received word that the City will be getting a \$130,000 communications grant from Senator Ted Stevens in Washington, D.C. We will receive \$115,000 of that amount because the state receives a portion for administration. Chief Petitt expressed appreciation for the support of the community and for helping the department out. He said that the officers did an outstanding job; one officer worked about 46 hours of overtime in the past two weeks working the case.

OLD BUSINESS

CHIEFS' REPORT

Mr. Hastie suggested that the Commission write a letter of support and confidence for the Police Department. Motion was made by Mr. Blake for the Commission to provide a letter of support and confidence for the Police Department and seconded by Mr. Mercurief. Motion carried unanimously.

Colleen Soberay gave a presentation on rules of procedure for commissions. She presented all members with a booklet that included information on the ordinance that establishes commissions; the charge of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission; how to run an efficient meeting; role of the chair; role of the secretary; attendance policy and OMA (Open Meeting Acts). If a member cannot make a meeting they must call the secretary. Attendance will be taken even in the event of no quorum so that attendance can be monitored. Colleen explained the current ordinance before the Council regarding attendance for commissions. The proposed ordinance amending 2.52.070 and 2.52.160 of the BMC lists percentages of absences allowed for different types of meetings. Colleen was asked about setting time limits for "People to Be Heard." She said that it is okay and is up to the commission to decide. When setting time limits the Commission may wish to take the topic and numbers of people to speak into consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for chair were opened. Guy Mercurief nominated John Hastie. Mr. O'Brien moved to close nominations and Mr. Carter seconded his motion. Motion was made by Mr. Mercurief and seconded by Mr. Dickens to appoint John Hastie as Chair of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission. Motion carried unanimously. John Hastie is the new Chair for the Public Safety and Transportation Commission for the year 2001.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Nominations for vice-chair were opened. Mike O'Brien nominated James Blake and John Hastie seconded the nomination. Mr. Carter moved that nominations be closed and Mr. Dickens seconded the motion. James Blake is the new Vice Chair of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission for the year of 2001 by a vote of 6 to 1.

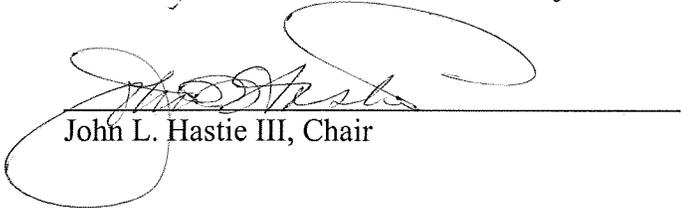
The lack of streetlights in the area of East Avenue was discussed. Mr. Dickens said there are statistics those streetlights, even though they may cost money to install, save money in the long run because they prevent accidents and crime. He used the light in front of I.D. Variety as an

example of making an area safer for pedestrians and traffic. East Avenue was discussed as being a rougher part of town and by adding streetlights we take a step in the direction of reclaiming the area. Mr. Hastie asked if there was an ordinance that spells out requirements for street lighting and recommends that the commission obtain copies and review and make its recommendations from there. The City Clerk will forward the lighting ordinance so that it can be included in commission packets for a future meeting.

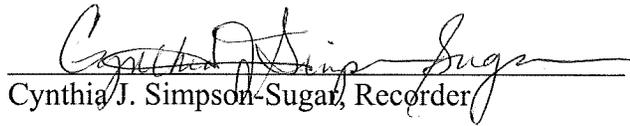
Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Blake. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF February, 2001



John L. Hastie III, Chair



Cynthia J. Simpson-Sugar, Recorder



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PUBLIC NOTICE

REGULAR MEETING OF PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2001 - 7:00 p.m. BETHEL CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

AGENDA

Members

James Blake

Kevin Carter

Tae Hwa Chung

John Hastie

Guy Mercurief

John Dickens

Mike O'Brien
Council Representative

Ex Officio Members

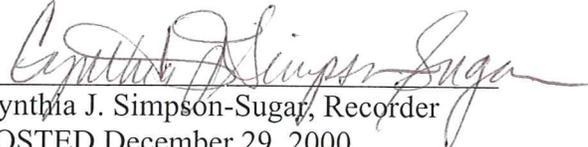
Robert K. Pettit
Chief of Police
Transportation Inspector

George Young
Fire Chief

Andrew Steele
Transportation Tech

Cyndee Simpson-Sugar
Administrative Assistant

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from 11/6/00
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- VI. CHIEFS' REPORTS
- VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR'S REPORT
- VIII. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS
- IX. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Letter of Revocation
 - b. Letter to D.O.T.
- X. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Rules of Procedure - Colleen Soberay, City Clerk
 - b. Election of new Chair and Vice Chair
 - c. Street Lights on East Avenue
- XI. ADJOURNMENT


Cynthia J. Simpson-Sugar, Recorder
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