

City of Bethel
Regular Transportation Commission Meeting
February 5, 1998

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02p.m. at the City Council Chambers by Mary Gregory, Verdi Brogdon recorded the minutes.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mary Gregory, Allen Glore, Robert Himschoot, Tania Oh and Thor Williams. A quorum is present. Unexcused: Phil White.

At this time Mr. Robert Himschoot is resigning from the commission, he stopped by to see if there is a quorum, he will write a letter to the council of his resignation. The commission members wished him the best of luck on where he is moving to.

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No people to be heard.

Verdi went over to get the minutes of January 15, 1998, it was not in the packet.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Thor Williams/Tania Oh move to amend to agenda, to move new business item b to old business item d, and add under new business item b the appeal of Ms. Hawang, add under new business item c. Snow machine routes. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS' REPORT

Sgt. Jim Brogdon presented the Chief's report. Discussion on how many cabs that are on the list, under the chauffeurs licenses the chief recommends that they get a 60 day temporary permit and they will have to do the finger printing and to get their criminal history report through AST. The cost of this will be around \$130.00 per permit and will take up to 60 days to process this. And this does not include them getting a physical. Discussion that there will be no temporary permits issued and that they will have to go through the six week process of getting a permit. If a person misses one year of not renewing their permit then they will have to go through the whole process of getting their permit back. Let everyone know this is the procedure. The changes will have to be made on the application to meet the motion.

Thor Williams/Tania Oh move to have the inspector follow the procedures out lined, that the chauffeur license applicant will make two finger print cards, to be sent out to records and identification to the FBI to get background checks on them and submit it back to the Police Department before a chauffeur license will be given to that person, all of the cost will be incurred by the applicant and no temporary permits will be issued until all the information is received. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission would like Verdi send out letters to Cab companies of the motion.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Thor Williams/Allen Glore move to accept the minutes of January 15, 1998 as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

VII. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Thor Williams: Interested in getting the SOP finished, the guidance for the years to come. Also the cabs in front of the Post office and AC store it is getting pretty congested in this community, the cabs going parallel to the building to drop off passengers, is interested in advising the cabs that this is not appropriate way to do this. Thor was in the cabs the other day as saw the new permits and they were nicely done very colorful and they are not too bulky. Thor stated that next week he will be part of a trial on a certain cab that was in an accident a few years back.
No other comments from the other commission members.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Physicals

One commission member brought back a form that one of the doctors at the hospital did go over and would like to see the following crossed off of the physical form. Verdi is to scan the form and bring a corrected form back to the commission for approval. The following shall be crossed off: Kidney, Syphilis, Gonorrhea, Nervous stomach, fit removed from seizures Gastrointestinal that whole section crossed off. And add Active TB also.

B. SOP (Standard Operation Procedure for Trans. Inspector)

The commission discussed this issue and that all new employee hired would have a manual to go by and that they wouldn't have to keep going to the commission members for questions on how to run the taxi business. The commission would like Verdi bring back to the commission on how she runs the taxi business and put it in writing. Would be brought back to the commission at her convenience.

C. Studded Tires (T. Williams)

Thor Williams is concerned that the cabs should have studded tires for safety concerns of the having studded tires. There is no law stating that you need to have studded tires on the vehicles.

D. City Cab (Letter from City of Bethel Attorney)

This is just for information only the commission stated that Tania Oh has been approved to keep her permits under her husband's name.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chauffeur Permit Applications (Chief Eilers)

This was taken care of under Transportation inspector's notes.

B. Appeal of Ms. Hawang

Ms. Hawang has stated that on January 15, 1998 she had a vehicle violation for unlawfully passing a school bus and she went to court and plead no contest. She stated that the weather was pretty foggy and the roads were very slippery so in order and she did not stop for the flashing light, she tried to stop so she just passed by and this happened by the slough and she stopped and waited for the school bus driver to talk with him. She wanted to have the commission know of her situation at this time. She stated that if she gets another chance she will not get anymore traffic violations. The commission discussed that she has learned her lesson and would like to see her have this probation period. The Transportation Inspector recommend to the commission that she is to have her permit back and to be on probation with no traffic violation for 6 months. Thor Williams move to recommend that Ms. Hawang be issued a probational permit for six months with no accidents or traffic violations, follow all road conditions and read the Vehicle for Hire ordinance and report back to the commission at the next meeting. Motion dies for a lack of second.

Thor Williams/Tania Oh move to recommend that the Transportation Inspector give a probational permit to Ms. Hawang for a six month period that she will follow all traffic laws, will not receive any traffic violations and that she will read the Vehicle for Hire ordinance and report back to the commission at the next regular meeting. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Mary Gregory-nay, Thor Williams-yea, Tania Oh-yea and Allen Glore-nay. Motion fails. The next step for Ms. Hawang is to go to the Council.

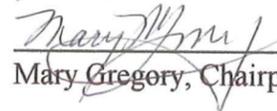
C. Snow Machine Routes

Discussion only, there is a comprehensive grounds transportation being done by the consultant company, and part of there review for the grounds for the community are the snow machine trails and the old trails coming in from the tundra going through the community, and this review is layed down over a glossey overlay of the community from a big picture that was taken above. Concerns of the snow machines going through honey bucket lake and by Faulknors and these are really bad road crossing for the snow machines. And this is very dangerous for vehicles passing. Sgt Brogdon stated that as soon as the officers flash their lights they are gone.

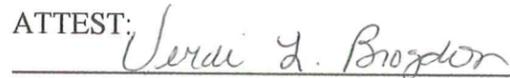
X. ADJOURNMENT

Thor Williams/Tania Oh move to adjourn. Motion carried. Next meeting is 03/05/98.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF July 1998.



Mary Gregory, Chairperson

ATTEST: 

Verdi L. Brogdon, Recording Secretary