
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

February 18, 2003

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on February 18, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

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

ROLL CALL

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

John Hastie	John Dickens
Tae Hwa Chung	Tom Fazzini
Jim Blake	Michael Cho

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Howard H. Morris, Chief of Police
Andrew Steele, Taxi Technician

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Frank Mazzaro voiced his opinions regarding the taxicabs in the AC parking lot.
Carl Berger briefly spoke on his public transit idea.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	Dickens	To approve the regular agenda.
SECONDED BY:	Fazzini	

Under New Business added – amendment to taxi ordinance.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY:	Blake	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 13, 2002.
SECONDED BY:	Dickens	

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

Chief Morris briefly commented on a few issues. The Police Department still has two Police Officer positions open. The Department has not been able to utilize the new snow machines due to weather conditions and lack of snow so far. Taxi technician, Andrew Steele, put much work

and effort into setting up a meeting with cab owners and the manager of AC to resolve the issues at hand.

TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

Nothing to report at this time.

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT

Andrew Steele stated that David Hicks, manager of AC, reported that he was very pleased with the compliance of the cab industry and that the situation of taxi cabs in the parking lot seemed to be improving. Also, Mr. Steele reported of problems with river cabs.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items to be discussed under Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Taxi Technician, Andrew Steele, has proposed an amendment to the taxi ordinance that would require a regulation of more accurate and honest inspections performed on cabs by inspector stations. It has been brought to Mr. Steele's attention that possibly a local garage is signing off on inspections for these vehicles when in fact no inspection has been done.

COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Jim Blake asked Mr. Steele about more detailed requirements on cabs such as the wearing of seat belts and child restraints.

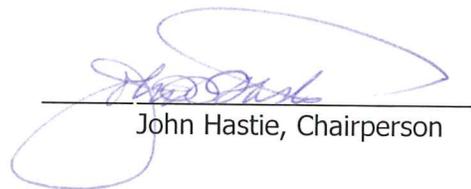
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	Dickens	To adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Fazzini	

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 8:00 p.m., February 18, 2003.

Approved this 26th day of March, 2003.


John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Nicole Williams, Recorder