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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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March 1, 2017

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 March 1, 2017 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

### II. ROLL CALL

Present: Joan Dewey *Chair*  
Eileen Henrikson *Vice Chair*  
Norman Ayagalria *Council Representative*  
Julene Webber  
Daniel Maczynski  
Mary Weiss

Absent: 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

*No one to be heard.*

### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

### V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<b>MOVED:</b>	Webber	Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of February 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2014.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Ayagalria	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor.	

**VI. SPECIAL ITEM OF BUSINESS:**

**A. Public Hearing: On the price and quality of service provided by all regulated vehicles, chauffeurs and dispatch services**

Daniel Maczynski – *Made a complaint about cabs always being in a rush and not fully coming to a complete stop.*

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*No Unfinished Business.*

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Update on the Traffic Impact Analysis of the YKHC’s hospital expansion project (City Planner, Ted Meyer)**

*Discussed, no action taken.*

**B. GEMT Program (Fire Chief Howell)**

*GEMT stands for Ground Emergency Medical Transport. Most municipal ambulances operates at somewhat of a loss. Medicaid has a program within it that draws federal funds to compensate for uncompensated costs.*

*See Report in Commission Packet*

**C. Fire Department Budget & Staffing (Fire Chief Howell)**

*See Report in Commission Packet*

**IX. CHIEFS’ COMMENTS**

Chief Bill Howell- *See report in commission packet.*

Chief Andre Achee – *See report in commission packet.*

**X. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR’S REPORT**

*See report in commission packet.*

**XI. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE’S COMMENTS**

Norman Ayagalria – *Wanted to clarify as to why certain City Council members appear to somewhat putting pressure on the police department and other ways he can better serve the commission in support of the police department and public safety needs. Believes there is a lack of partnership between Council, the Commission and the Bethel Police Department.*

## **XII. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

Joan Dewey – *I Apologize for getting here at 7, or a little before 7. I am really glad that you had a quorum and that we are back on track with getting a lot going, there's a lot to talk about, thank you.*

Norman Ayagalria – *No comment*

Mary Weiss – *It feels like a good meeting, it seems like there's a lot of energy. I think this is the way to get that communication going with City Council. If we have an effective committee then we have something good to present to Council and the community.*

Daniel Maczynski – *No comment.*

Chief Achee – *If you guys are interested, sometime this month they are doing a state Search and Rescue conference at the Readiness Center (on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>). I think it's a good opportunity they're being over some State officials to go over the RCC (Rescue Coordination Center), etc. stuff like that in Anchorage. It's open to the public and that is something I intend to attend. On the last day, they are doing free CPR certification for the first 30 people that show up.*

Chief Howell – *We have been meeting with SAR (Search and Rescue) pretty frequently, I mentioned that in my report, with regards to strengthening our relationship, but specifically of how it pertains to searches and reimbursements for searches and things like that. They are a lot of parallel services that we kind of provide and we're working with their leadership to strengthen our relationship between fire and EMS, and I think that will also strengthen with the police department as well, (not that it isn't good now). SAR has been talking a lot about how many more calls for services they have been receiving since the liquor store, they are very, very busy. Even the Villages are calling Bethel SAR for their services. They just did get their \$5000.00 from Council last night, which was great, that was spectacular.*

Eileen Henrikson – *The Career Fair on March 16th, is at the Cultural Center from 9-3, there is a focus on Public Safety for that event. We are going to have two discussion panels, one for Construction due to the YKHC project and the new Bethel Family Clinic build, (9am) and one for the Public Safety Panel (11am). I believe the National Guard from Fairbanks will be in attendance and the FBI in Anchorage will be there. On Friday, 3/17/2017, there is the career fair at the high school for the high school students, from 1-4pm and there will be three discussion panels. The first one will be on background checks, the next two panels will be professional positions career paths and the skilled positions skill path. Those three discussion panels will be broadcasted on KYUK live on the FM channel and on Monday in*

the afternoon on the AM channel. I did start my job at YKHC last week but I am still coordinating the Career Fair, if you have any questions.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

APPROVED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April, 2017.

  
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Christina Him, Recorder

  
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Joan Dewey, Chair