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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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March 12, 2007

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission held on March 12, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.  
Chairman, Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:04.

### II. ROLL CALL

Compromising a quorum of the Commission, the following members were present for roll call:  
Mark Springer  
Brian Lefferts  
Charlie Chung  
Eric Middlebrook  
Mark Miller  
John Hastie is absent

### Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Chief Benjamin Dudley  
Administrative Assistant Lori Strickler

### III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

- A. Theresa Broechel  
a. Many people within the City of Bethel have received a cost of living increase, the Taxicab drivers have not.

### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF MARCH 12, 2007

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Middlebrook	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Miller	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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### V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2007

#### MOTION TO TABLE TO THE NEXT MEETING

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Middlebrook	Input the conflict of interest roll call vote
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Lefferts	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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### VI. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

- A. Letter of resignation submitted by Molly  
B. Civil Trial against Ofc. Stonecipher and the City of Bethel, ended in favor of the Ofc. and the City.  
C. Budget submissions  
a. Taser Cameras

- b. Moving allowance for recruitment
- c. Computer updates
- d. Improvements on Building/ New Facility
- D. Staffing
  - a. Brodie Broerman has submitted her letter of resignation
  - b. George Nicholai is a returning Officer, starting date 03-20-07
- E. 911 Surcharge
- F. Homicide Investigations Continue

**VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT**

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINES**

**A. Taxicab Fare Increase**

**MOTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 5.20.020 OF THE BMC INCREASING TAXI CAB RATES**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Lefferts	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Miller	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote, Charlie Chung did not vote
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**MOTION TO STRIKE 5.20.130 BMC, RENEWAL OF LICENSE OR PERMIT FROM THIS ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISH A NEW ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE THIS SECTION**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Middlebrook	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Miller	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote, Charlie Chung did not vote
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**MOTION TO CHANGE 5.20.020 E. BMC, RATES TO REFLECT A \$0.50 INCREASE IN THE ORIGINAL RATE**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Middlebrook
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	

**MOTION FAILED**

**MOTION TO CHANGE THE LANGUAGE IN ORDINANCE DRAFT 5.20.160 A. BMC, FEES TO: One hundred sixty-five dollars (\$165), in lieu of sales tax, fares shall be paid monthly to the transportation inspector for the issuance or renewal of a bus, limousine, dispatch service, or taxicab permit no later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) of each month.**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Lefferts	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Middlebrook	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote, Charlie Chung did not vote
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**MOTION TO INSERT THE LANGUAGE INTO 5.20.020 E. BMC, RATES: SENIOR CITIZENS AGE SIXTY-FIVE (65) AND OLDER WILL REMAIN AT ORIGINAL RATES**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Middlebrook	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Lefferts	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote, Charlie Chung did not vote
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**MOTION TO FORWARD AMENDEED ORDINANCE 5.20.020 TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Middlebrook	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Lefferts	

*Discussion*

Mark Miller	YES
Eric Middlebrook	YES
Brian Lefferts	YES
Mark Spring	YES
Charlie Chung	DID NOT VOTE

**MOTION PASSES**

**B.** Community Forum on Public Safety

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Cab Driver Trip Sheets

- a. Petition submitted to the council by the taxicab drivers (attached)
- b. Are there any outlying issues with trip sheets beyond a Public Safety standpoint?  
Would the Finance Dept. need the information for income tax?

**MOTION TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE TO ELIMINATE TRIP SHEETS**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Middlebrook	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chung	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**B.** Setting a Minimum and Maximum Taxi Fare

**TABLE UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING**

**X. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMENTS**

**A.** Charlie Chung

- a. Taxi industry has lost many drivers after only one year of service; community leaders should be concerned.
- b. This Commission **May** establish not **Shall** establish dispatch rates, Cab company owners hired lawyers.

**B.** Brian Lefferts

- a. A concerned citizen brought to him an issue with the crosswalk between the hospital and the CHB building, would like Crosswalks added to the next agenda.

**C.** Mark Miller

- a. Would also like to discuss the crosswalks, not only around the hospital but all around town.
- b. Would like to apologize to the commission for missing the last meeting

**E.** Eric Middlebrook

- a. Perhaps there is a misunderstanding on how individuals are supposed to behave regarding crosswalks.
- b. Will be out of the country during the next meeting
- c. Would also like to discuss the crosswalks, more specifically the area by AC Quickstop and the boardwalk.

**F.** Mark Springer

- a. Would like to recognize the boys at the McCann Treatment Center for depleting the fox population around Bethel.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Middlebrook	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Lefferts	

*Discussion*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Monday April 9, 2007

  
Mark Springer, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Lori Strickler, Recorder