

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

April 3rd, 2006

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on April 3rd, 2006 at 7:00pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice Chair Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:07pm

II. ROLL CALL

Compromising a quorum of the Commission, the following members were present for roll call:

Mark Springer

Kyla Hagan

Hugh Dymont

Mark Miller

Charley Chung

John Hastie is excused.

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Transportation Inspector Molly Bailie

Administrative Assistant Lori Strickler

Chief of Police Ben Dudley arrived after roll call

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

A. Sharon Sigmon, the city attorney introduces herself.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA OF April 3rd, 2006

MOVED BY:	Dymont	Under VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS Removal: Item (A) An increase in taxi fares. Under IX. NEW BUSINESS Addition: Items (B) Plowing of the city streets and drives. (C) Non transferable dispatch permit to a cooperative of taxi cab owners, addressed by staff attorney. (D) Controlled substance testing policy, addressed by staff attorney.
SECONDED BY:	Hagan	

Discussion: The election for Chair should take place annually, when should the next election take place?

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF March 6th, 2006

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 6TH, 2006

MOVED BY:	Dymont	Under NEW BUSINESS: Move Item (C) (d) to (A) (i). Under PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: Correction on the spelling of Obrien
SECONDED BY:	Hagan	

Discussion: As a Commission how do we address PEOPLE TO BE HEARD and their comments?

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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VI. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

A. There was an illegal purchase of a taxi permit, the individual who bought the permit did so without the approval from the Chief of Police.

MOTION TO REQUEST THE CITY ATTORNEY TO EXAMINE THE TAX LIABILITY OF BUSINESS SALES

MOVED BY:	Springer	
SECONDED BY:	Miller	

DISCUSSION:

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Controlled substances testing policy
 - a. Moved to next agenda
- B. Phone numbers displayed in the cabs

MOTION TO HAVE THIS COMMITTEE DIRECT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO INITIATE A SYSTEM WHERE THE FILING OF COMPLAINTS ON TAXIS ARE MADE.

MOVED BY:	Dyment	
SECONDED BY:	Miller	

DISCUSSION: The public needs to know how they can deal with the issue they may have with the cab.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.
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IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Police Department Budget
 - a. Part time Transportation Inspector position was denied due to budget restraints.
- B. Plowing of the city streets and drives.
 - a. Is there liability for the city if the plows were to plow a driveway and someone fell.
- C. Controlled substance testing policy
- D. Non transferable dispatch permit to a cooperative of taxi cab permit holders
 - a. Memorandum from the City Attorney with possible ramifications of issuance of a non-transferable dispatch service permit to a cooperative of taxi cab permit holders
 - 1. See attached
 - b. A party or parties who have possession of two dispatch permits but are operating under only one.

X. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- A. Kyla Hagan
 - a. Add to the next agenda an increase in taxi fares
- B. Charlie Chung
 - a. Appreciation to the City Attorney for coming
- C. Mark Miller
 - a. Many people have expressed concern regarding the plowing of driveways.
- D. Hugh Dyment
 - a. It is important that this committee is supportive of the Police Department's budget.
- E. Mark Springer
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XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOVED BY:	Hagan	April 3 rd , 2006 at 8:30 pm
SECONDED BY:	Dyment	

Discussion

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Next meeting on Monday – May 1st, 2006

ATTEST: Lori Strickler
Lori Strickler, Recorder

John Hastie
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