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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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April 9, 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 April 9, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairman, Mark Springer called the meeting to order at 7:07.

### II. ROLL CALL

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

Mark Springer

Brian Lefferts

Charlie Chung

Mark Miller

Excused

Eric Middlebrook

John Hastie

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

Chief Benjamin Dudley

Administrative Assistant Lori Strickler

### III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

#### A. Alla Tinker

a. Three Days out of the month is not an adequate amount of time for servicing the cab industry

b. Not allowing vehicle Transfers is not feasible in Bethel

#### B. Theresa Broechel

a. It is important that the community and the Council realize that the cab industry is not asking for a 60% increase in taxi fares.

#### C. Woo Yoon

a. Most of my drivers own their own car and drive under my permit, if they decide to leave Bethel or move to a different company I would be without a car on the road.

### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF APRIL 9, 2007

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Lefferts	
<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 AND MARCH 12, 2007

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Lefferts	<b>February 12, 2007; III PEOPLE TO BE HEARD,C.</b> Having headlights on in the <b>daytime</b> , they are not able to read their speedometers. <b>March 12, 2007; VI CHIEF'S COMMENTS, A.</b> Letter of resignation submitted <b>by</b> Molly
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Miller	

*Discussion*

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**VI. CHIEF'S COMMENTS**

- A.** I understand by the transportation inspector having a limited schedule the taxi business is burdened. It is my goal to get a part time position filled which would focus entirely on the taxi industry, if the Council does fallow threwh with the 10% budget cut this situation will be hindered even more.
- B.** Animal Control issues, Gary Watson will be out of the office for a few more weeks, he has already been off for 3 ½.

**VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT**

- A.** I have to follow the BMC and BMC 05.30.070 states the permit is limited to four temporary transfers per year for mechanical needs. The temporary transfer is not to exceed 14 days. Otherwise the vehicle on the original permit will be the one to remain on the permit until the renewal date.
- B.** I realize the new schedule is not as convenient as it was. I am more than willing to work with people if they come to me. I have to follow the set schedule or by appointment, otherwise I would not get my work done.

**UNFINISHED BUSINES**

- A.** Setting Minimum and Maximum Taxi Fare.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A.** Crosswalks
  - a. Add Pedestrian Safety to the next Agenda
- B.** State of Alaska Pandemic Influenza Multi-Agency Coordination Group
  - a. Resolution written supporting the state of Alaska round 2 pandemic influenza preparedness workshop in Bethel

**IX. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMENTS**

- A.** Miller
  - a. Glad to see that we are moving forward with the cab fare increase
  - b. The railings in Bethel do not bend they shatter when they are hit, this is dangerous
- B.** Chung
  - a. Rumors from the cab drivers, they cannot transfer their cars. We (the cab industry did not used to have these restrictions, drivers/cars used to transfer from one company to the other
- C.** Lefferts
  - a. Would like to see more about the budget cuts added to the agenda. It concerns me that with the community frustrated with the supposed crime wave they would be willing to cut the Police Department's budget by 10%.
- D.** Springer

- a. To the taxi drivers, 5 miles an hour in the hospital parking lot means 5 miles an hour, someone is going to get hurt.
- b. One of the issues brought up in opposition to the fare increase are meters. Some companies have more of a tendency to have one trip, one cab as opposed to other companies. From a competitive standpoint, it may not be a bad idea for cab companies consider meters. It may be a better deal for the passenger along with the driver. Some companies may want to do that although there may be a way for it to go both ways.
- c. As commission members and citizens of the community we can go to the Council meetings and voice the irony of the budget cuts on the Police Department, you can't spend enough of public safety.

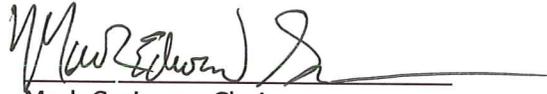
**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

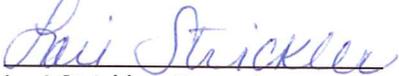
*Discussion*

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Next meeting on Monday May 14, 2007

  
 Mark Springer, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
 Lori Strickler, Recorder