
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

May 5, 2003

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on May 5, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice Chair John Dickens called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

John Dickens	Brad Kehoe
Tae Hwa Chung	Michael Cho
Don Poe	

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Howard H. Morris, Chief of Police and Transportation Inspector
George Young, Fire Chief
Nicole Williams, Recorder

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	Kehoe	To approve the regular agenda.
SECONDED BY:	Poe	

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

MOVED BY:	Poe	To approve the minutes of the special meeting on March 26, 2003.
SECONDED BY:	Kehoe	

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

Chief Morris asked the Commission members to review the information provided by him regarding the possible helmet law and to please respond at the next meeting if the City Attorney should proceed on

this issue. Pertaining to the bicycle law that was mentioned along with the helmet law, it was the Chief's suggestion to proceed with the helmet law only due to that the bicycle law doesn't really pertain to our community.

Also, Chief Morris mentioned that we have vaccinated approximately 154 dogs for rabies and gave thanks to all that pitched in and helped out.

Fire Chief, George Young, briefly mentioned the FY04 budget.

TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

Nothing to report at this time.

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT

Taxi Technician, Andrew Steele, reported the following:

A) Taxi Cab Issue

A letter from Chief Morris has been sent to all cab company owners reminding them that all vehicles parked illegally on private property are in violation and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. This resulted from many complaints regarding the BNC property.

B) Public Safety Issue

Images of animals in the pound are now being posted on the DDC, in the lobby of the Police Department and with the BPD dispatchers. These images will be updated on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, whenever new animals are impounded or the animals listed are no longer in the pound. In conjunction with this, there is a sub folder on the DDC for animals available for adoption.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Discussion of FY04 Budget

Discussion of the FY04 Budget ensued. Some cuts to the Police Department budget for FY04 have already been made.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

MOVED BY:	Poe	To consider the addition of one line item to the FY04 Police Department budget for funds to cover the purchase of an ATV required to respond to calls at certain times of the year.
SECONDED BY:	Kehoe	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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B) For Hire Ordinance

MOVED BY:	Kehoe	To discuss this topic at the next meeting when Mr. Steele is present.
SECONDED BY:	Chung	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Brad Kehoe discussed the helmet safety information passed by Chief Morris and would like for him to obtain information on the state of Hawaii's helmet ordinance as well as what some Indian Reservations have put together for helmet laws.

Vice Chair, John Dickens, extended thanks to both Chiefs' and the Police Department and Fire Department for all efforts and great work put into the rabies crisis.

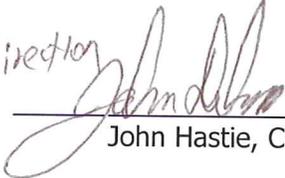
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	Kehoe	To adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Cho	

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 7:39 p.m., May 5, 2003.

Approved this 2nd day of June, 2003.

By director 
John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Nicole Williams, Recorder