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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005

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 Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson John Hastie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### II. ROLL CALL

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

John Hastie	John Dickens	Charley Chung
Hugh Dymont	Kyla Hagan	Mark Springer

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Lieutenant Andre Achee  
Administrative Assistant Brodie Broerman

### III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

A. None

### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Dymont	Move IX. New Business items D., E., F., & G. above IX.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Dickens	New Business item A.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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### V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005, and April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005

#### MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005, and April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Dymont	
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Springer	

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

#### A. PERSONEL STATUS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

- a. Chief Dudley is currently out of town on a recruitment trip.
  - i. He will be interviewing potential recruits in Fairbanks, Anchorage, and the Mat-Su area.
- b. The Bethel Police Department is currently down 5 officers, 2 sergeants, and 2 dispatchers.
- c. Molly Bailie has been hired as the new Evidence Custodian.

- d. Officer Derek Davison officially resigned on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005 to accept employment with the Anchorage Police Department.
- e. Officer Vercelline has been hired as an Emergency Hire on a temporary basis to fill in as needed until staffing is up.
  - i. Will be doing commercial vehicle inspections this summer.
- f. Because of low staffing, officers will now be handling their own sexual assault cases.
  - i. Officers attended a 2 hour comprehensive Sexual Assault Response Team training.
  - ii. Officers will be guided through their first sexual assault investigation by a superior officer.
- g. The Bethel Police Department officers receive more Calls For Service per officer than any other department in the state.

**VII. TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT**

A. NONE

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL FOR SPEED LIMIT CHANGE IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

- a. Discussion on the need for data versus common sense
  - i. Children in streets
  - ii. Washboard roads, pot wholes
  - iii. Pedestrians
- b. Discussion on the need for community members to come and support this change for it to be created as an ordinance.

**MOTION TO SEND RECOMMENDATION TO THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Springer	TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS FROM 25 MPH to 20 MPH
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Dickens	

*Discussion on the enforcement aspect of this change*

*Hagan concerned that all the effort put forth in creating the ordinance would become moot if the ordinance is not consistently enforced.*

*A solution would be to create a visible force in residential areas at key times of the day, like the school zone area, and once a few people have been pulled over word would get out.*

*Also, if this recommendation goes through and becomes a Bethel Municipal Code, Community Service Officers would be able to give violators citations.*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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B. RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL FOR ANIMAL CONTROL FEE SCHEDULE

**MOTION TO SEND RECOMMENDATION TO THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Dyment	TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE THAT CONTAINS THE NEW ANIMAL CONTROL FEES AS DOCUMENTED IN ATTACHMENT A.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Dickens	

*See attachment A. for recommended fee changes.*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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C. DMV ROAD TEST PROCTOR

- a. Discussion on options the City could use to cover proctoring DMV road tests.
  - i. Contract it out to a private sector.
- b. The commission recommends the Chief of Police to develop requirements for a proctor and then go through the City of Bethels process for RFP.
  - i. Commission decided it was more of an administration decision.

**D. DISCUSSION OF NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITY**

- a. Discussion on funding for the new facility.
  - i. The City probably will not be eligible for State grants.
  - ii. Funding will probably be made available through bonds.
    - 1. These bonds will have to be backed by some sort of revenue
      - a. i.e. an alcohol tax, or gas tax
      - b. Funding from leases with other entities using the facility.
  - iii. Discussed types of action to take for moving onto the next step.
- b. Discussion on actions the commission can take to help the process move onto the next step.
  - i. Within the next two meeting the commission would like to work on writing a strong recommendation to Council that includes language on funding methods.
  - ii. Or draft a resolution that includes language of methods of funding and need.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**D. REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER (CSO) FUNDING**

- a. Discussion on the duties of a CSO, the advantages of having a CSO program, and different ways to fund the CSO program.
- b. Discussion on types of resistance the Police Department may expect from Council, and ways to counter the arguments.
- c. Members highlighted the need for members of the community to come forward and speak to Council about the need for the CSO program.

**MOTION TO SEND RECOMMENDATION TO THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Springer	Stating that the Public Safety and Transportation Commission fully endorses the City Council to include the 2 CSO Positions in the FY06 budget.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Dickens	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**E. REORGANIZATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**

- a. Reorganization is designed to give officers who would not qualify for a sergeant position the chance to take on more responsibility. Also with current staffing there are some days the department has 1 sergeant to 1 officer.
- b. The police department encouraged to rethink calling the position a corporal position in the budget.
  - i. Possibly title the position "Senior Officer"
- c. Discussion on how officers feel towards the change.
  - i. Currently only one person has stated an objection to the change.

**F. DISCUSSION ON FISCAL YEAR 06 POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET.**

- a. Discussion on SART Exams
  - i. Suggestion on seeking restitution for the cost of the SART Exam through the disposition.
  - ii. Suggestion to have officers include costs of investigation in case report and to include as restitution
- b. Discussion on ways to collect monies from Protective Custody Bills
  - i. Suggestion to have the City look into collecting permanent fund dividends from repeat offenders

**MOTION TO SEND RECOMMENDATION TO THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Dyment	To accept the Bethel Police Department Budget as its written
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Springer	

*See attachment B.*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**G. BETHEL PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM RESOLUTION**

- a. John Sargent presented a resolution supporting the preparation and submission of a Section 5311 New Start Grant Application to Obtain Transit System Operation Funds to the Public Safety & Transportation Commission
  - i. ONC to co-develop the transit system with us.
  - ii. 72 trips a day
    - 1. 1 trip is 1 person
- b. The City has been approved for 2 \$100,000 buses.
  - i. Requires a cash match of \$48,000
  - ii. Both buses will have an ADA lift, 4 wheel drive, an extra mounted set of winter tires.
- c. The bus system will start off using the buses available, and as new equipment comes the other routes will begin.
- d. Bob Angiak and John Sargent presented the plan to the State and the State is going to send them to St. Lois, IL to attend a National Transit Conference in three weeks.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # PS & TC 05-01**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Dyment	A Resolution by the Public Safety & Transportation Commission Supporting the Preparation and Submission of a Section 5311 New Start Grant Application to obtain transit system operating funds.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Springer	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**X. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMENTS**

None

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Dyment	May 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2005 at 9:25 PM
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Springer	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Monday – June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005

  
John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Brodie Broerman, Recorder