
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

June 2, 2003

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on June 2, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice Chair John Dickens called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

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ROLL CALL

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

John Dickens	Brad Kehoe
Tae Hwa Chung	Michael Cho
Don Poe	Tom Fazzini

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Howard H. Morris, Chief of Police and Transportation Inspector
Andrew Steele, Transportation Technician
Nicole Williams, Recorder

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Several members of the community, most of which were in the cab industry, were present to make statements regarding money collected for cab fares, regulation of fares and the letter sent out to all cab owners by Police Chief Morris.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

MOVED BY:	Poe	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 5, 2003.
SECONDED BY:	Cho	

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

Chief Morris handed out copies of the Duckwater Tribal Police Department ordinance on helmet laws. Hawaii has not yet responded to his request for the state's laws regarding the helmet issue.

Some cab owners have come to Chief Morris regarding the issue of regular customers receiving a cut rate on fares. This was based on an undercover operation to try to determine how often and by what cab companies this practice is taking place.

TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

Nothing to report at this time.

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT

Taxi Technician, Andrew Steele, reported the following:

- A) The traffic problems with cabs in the BNC parking lot have seemed to improve lately.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Steele addressed the issue of "For Hire Ordinance".

NEW BUSINESS

- A) Discussion took place regarding cab fare cuts and free rides for regular customers as well as receiving a free ride once a "ticket card" has been filled. Mr. Chung requested that Chief Morris inquire about the different types of tickets that each cab company gives out for a free ride, however, being the Transportation Inspector, it is at Chief Morris's discretion as how to deal with this.

LETTER TO LOCAL PAPERS

MOVED BY:	Kehoe	To write a letter to the local papers as an editorial stating the ordinance of cab fare regulations and to make the public aware.
SECONDED BY:	Cho	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Regarding the helmet issue, Mr. Kehoe directed towards Chief Morris as to what direction the Commission wants to go with this and have the City Attorney or appropriate person(s) go forward with this.

HELMET ORDINANCE

MOVED BY:	Kehoe	Recommend to Chief Morris to pursue the issue of the helmet ordinance for resolution.
SECONDED BY:	Fazzini	

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

Mr. Chung commented on the length of time that it took the Bethel Fire Department to respond to the house fire on Ridgecrest. Chief Morris responded by stating that from the time the 911 call was received until the time the Fire Department arrived at the scene, there was absolutely

no delay in response or arrival by the Fire Department. Response time by the Fire Department and the Police Department was excellent.

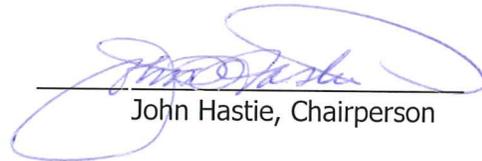
ADJOURNMENT

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

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 8:33 p.m., June 2, 2003.

Approved this 6 day of August, 2003.


John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Nicole Williams, Recorder