
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

July 5th, 2017

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on July 5th, 2017 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Joan Dewey *Chair*
Eileen Henrikson *Vice Chair*
Naim Shabani
Mary Weiss
Jared Karr

Absent: Norman Ayagalria *Council Representative*
Julene Webber
Daniel Maczynski
Mary Nanuwak

Ex-Officio Present: William Howll *Fire Chief*
Jesslyn McGowan *Recorder and Transportation Designee*

Other Present: Ted Meyer

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one to be heard

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Weiss	Motion to approve the agenda.
SECONDED:	Shabani	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED:	Shabani	Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of
SECONDED:	Henrikson	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Update on Traffic Impact Analysis

Ted Meyer brought the Resolution from the Bethel Planning Committee approving the conditional use permit application that was submitted by YKHC. He informed everyone the pedestrian path will be moved to create turn lanes. He will figure out with DOT about whether the last exit lane will have a left and right turn lane or just left turn only. He and Fire Chief Howell also spoke of the fire safety of the building and showing where the lanes for the fire trucks to use when needed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. High Pedestrian Areas and Housing Areas

Council Representative Ayagalria not present

B. Update on BPD Chief and staffing issue at BPD

City Manager Pete Williams not present

VIII. CHIEF’S COMMENTS

Fire Chief Howell – He wants to thank Chief Achee for his 27 years of service to the city and is wishing him the best and hope he is enjoying himself. See BFD report in commission packet.

IX. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR’S REPORT

See report in commission packet

X. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE’S COMMENTS

Council Representative Ayagalria not present

XI. COMMISSION MEMBER's COMMENTS

Joan- I still hope we get an update, maybe the city manager wanted to wait when the timeline or transition plan for the Chief was clearer. We had some concerns and work that we talked about here with the emergency services. I'm wondering what the police with this new positions perception and ideas about staffing. Is it still like 50 percent with the police department? I don't know if anything change with the dispatch and other positions. I was thinking that would be more important to know about and what strategies this person might have and what they know about this part of Alaska.

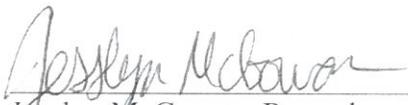
Eileen- I had a board of directors meeting with the Chamber of Commerce today. The first Thursday of September we are kind of looking to change up our luncheons because they're not really well attended and frankly I believe it's because the business community isn't hearing business related topics. We are looking at changing the direction of the chamber because it feels like we aren't really doing anything. I also think it feels like it would be better served with networking. This next luncheon will be more like a round table discussion and invite HR departments to talk about recruiting and retention. We are going to try for the first Thursday luncheons to be more of a brown bag round table discussion. We are also looking at redoing the membership fees to be more standard across the board.

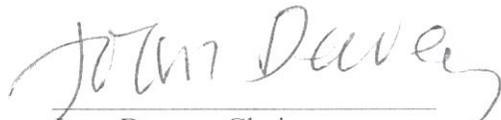
XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Karr	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Shabani	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

APPROVED THIS 2ND DAY OF AUGUST, 2017.


Jesslyn McGowan, Recorder


Joan Dewey, Chair