
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

July 8, 2002

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on July 8, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

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

ROLL CALL

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

John Hastie	Tae Hwa Chung
Jerry Drake	Jim Blake
Don Poe	Tom Fazzini
Michael Cho	

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

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

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Tom Hildreth was present and voiced his concerns on cab fares. He suggested a zoning system or meters used in cabs for more accurate fares. Danny Wilcox was present and proposed a dispatch service that would handle all cabs. Chairperson John Hastie requested the concurrence of the industry either by form of a letter or their presence before addressing this issue further.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	Drake	To approve the regular agenda.
SECONDED BY:	Blake	
<i>Under New Business added – Operation of off-road vehicles on city roads.</i>		
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY:	Drake	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 6, 2002.
SECONDED BY:	D. Poe	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

CHIEFS' COMMENTS

Chief Howard H. Morris stated that he is looking forward to working with the Commission and is grateful for the welcome he has received since arriving in Bethel.

TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

Nothing to report at this time.

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT

Andrew Steele, Transportation Technician reported that there have been several complaints of fare gouging and this issue is currently being investigated. Four chauffeur applicants have tested in the past month. Three failed the written test the first time but have since retested and all become drivers. An applicant may retest after a twenty-four waiting period. To date, 106 chauffeur permits and 72 owner permits have been issued in 2002.

A. OLD BUSINESS

There were no items to be discussed under Old Business.

B. NEW BUSINESS

A. Off Road Vehicles On City Roads

The operation of such vehicles on city or public roads is discouraged. The city is liable for any damage that may incur as a result of the operation of these vehicles on the roads.

MOVED BY:	Drake	To leave the ordinance as is and not allow off road vehicles on city roads.
SECONDED BY:	D. Poe	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion failed.
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MOVED BY:	Drake	To withdraw the original motion.
SECONDED BY:	D. Poe	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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MOVED BY:	Drake	To recommend to council to not support the use of off road vehicles on city owned roads.
SECONDED BY:	D. Poe	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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B. Headlight Ordinance

Jim Blake voiced concerns that the headlight ordinance is still not being complied with by the cab industry and requested that enforcement of this begin immediately.

MOVED BY:	Blake	To request that the Chief of Police inform officers to abide by this ordinance and issue citations to violators.
SECONDED BY:		

VOTE ON MOTION	With the lack of a second – the motion dies.
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Discussion ensued regarding the status of Yukon Fuel parking their trucks in the public parking area at the airport.

MOVED BY:	Chung	To adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED BY:		

VOTE ON MOTION	With the lack of a second – the motion dies.
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Commission members comments.

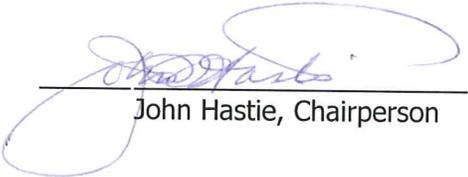
ADJOURNMENT

Moved BY:	Blake	To adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Drake	

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 8:35 pm, May 6, 2002.

Approved this 5th day of August, 2002.



John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Nicole Williams, Recorder