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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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August 2, 2017

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 August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

### II. ROLL CALL

Present: Joan Dewey *Chair*  
Eileen Henrikson *Vice Chair*  
Julene Webber  
Daniel Maczynski  
Mary Weiss

Absent: Naim Shabani  
Jared Karr *Alternate*

Ex-Officio Present: Burke Waldron *Interim Chief of Police*  
William Howell III *Fire Chief*  
Jesslyn McGowan *Recorder*

Other Present: Pete Williams *City Manager*  
Patty Burley *City Attorney*  
Jody Drew  
Shari Neth

### III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Shari Neth – *She supports and is excited the 15mph neighborhood limit even though it is not official. She states kids ride their bikes and people walk on the streets while cars zoom past and either get splashed with mud or covered with dust. She is personally in favor of the 15 mph neighborhood speed limit.*

### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED:</b>	Weiss	Motion to approve the agenda.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Webber	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor.	

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Weiss	Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Webber	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor.	

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. High Pedestrian Areas and Housing Area**

*Council representative Norman Ayagalria resigned.*

<b>MOVED:</b>	Weiss	Motion to table it indefinitely
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Maczynski	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor.	

**B. Update on BPD Chief and staffing issue at BPD**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Webber	Motion to go into committee as a whole
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Maczynski	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor.	

<b>MOVED:</b>	Webber	Motion to come out as a committee
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Weiss	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor.	

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Presentation of Certificate for Andre Achee**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Weiss	Motion to present certificate after the approval of meeting minutes
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Maczynski	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor.	

**B. Ordinance for Increase Taxi Rates**

*Niam Shabani absent, will move to unfinished business for next meeting.*

### **C. Reduce Speeds in Residential Areas**

*Jody Drew came in and told the committee about how she first decided to do the petition for the 15mph neighborhood speed limit. She talked about the positive comments and things people were saying through Facebook. Jody has sold and given away yard signs, bumper stickers, tshirts, etc., to help get the word out there. Also stated that there are 40% of kids in Bethel who have some type of Respiratory illness.*

### **VIII. CHIEF'S COMMENTS**

*Chief Waldron – I don't have a whole lot, right now I am just trying to keep my head above the water. I look forward to the next meeting where I can actually report something to you all.*

*Fire Chief Howell – See report in commission packet.*

### **IX. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

*See report in commission packet.*

### **X. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMENTS**

*Council Representative Shabani absent.*

### **XI. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

*Daniel – I noticed with some cabs, out towards hanger lake road, bring people out there when they are chartering. I noticed they are playing loud music and drinking. I don't know if that is illegal or not. They were pulled over on the side of the road. Next time I see it, I'll make sure to report it. Also if you all are interested in starting the neighborhood watch again, we can start it up. I can talk to a friend who has started a neighborhood watch in Texas.*

*Mary – One of the things I heard on the radio was about the water truck and road situation and I don't know if that is our per view or what. But that sounds like a transportation thing because I heard there is more issues of having to schedule more water trucks and more trips because the road is fall apart from the trucks being so heavy. So I'm just wondering if we shouldn't have something to do with that because it is a transportation thing and the roads are getting kind of dangerous.*

*Julene- First I wanted to apologize to Jesslyn for any miscommunication in our emails and I apologize to Patty because I thought it was on the agenda. I also want to welcome our new Chief. I am excited because I want to be proactive and I feel like now we have new energy.*

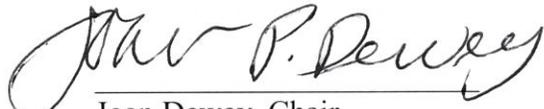
**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Webber	Motion to adjourn.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Henrikson	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor.	

*Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.*

APPROVED THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September, 2017.

  
Jesslyn McGowan, Recorder

  
Joan Dewey, Chair