
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

August 5, 2002

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on August 5, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice Chair Don Poe called the meeting to order at 7:06 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
Brad Kehoe	

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

Paul Gregory voiced concerns on boating safety, people speeding in boats, people drowning, stolen boats, juveniles out after curfew and ATV safety.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	Blake	To approve the regular agenda.
SECONDED BY:	Drake	

Under New Business added – Chauffeur license testing

Under New Business added – New cab rules

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

MOVED BY:	Drake	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 8, 2002.
SECONDED BY:	Blake	

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

Andrew Steele has contacted all cab owners, giving them a grace period to have lights on while operating their vehicle before issuing citations. So far, compliance has been good.

Regarding the Yukon fuel trucks parking in the public lot at the airport, phone calls have been made to the manager and the fuel trucks have been parking there less. However, it is a public parking lot and would take an ordinance passed to prohibit Yukon from parking their trucks in this lot.

In response to Mr. Gregory's concerns: The Port Director has posted four signs in NO WAKE zones. The Police Department has put more emphasis on patrolling the small boat harbor and the river as well as making juvenile activity in the late evening a priority and issuing warnings for the use of ATV's on city roads.

TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

Nothing to report at this time.

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT

Since put into place, there have been nine citations issued to date to cabs operating without having their headlights on.

A. OLD BUSINESS

There were no items to be discussed under Old Business.

B. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chauffeur License Testing

Andrew Steele proposed to change the ordinance of testing to every other year instead of annually. Half would be tested one year and the other half tested the next to break up the mass of chauffeur license testing at end of every year.

MOVED BY:		
SECONDED BY:		

VOTE ON MOTION	No motion was made at this time.
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B. New Cab Rules

Don Poe discussed the bootlegging that takes place out of cabs and would like an ordinance or some type of regulation of implied consent from cab operators to a search of the vehicle being that it is public transportation. "Subject to safety inspection at any time."

MOVED BY:		
SECONDED BY:		

VOTE ON MOTION	No motion was made at this time.
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Discussion ensued regarding the legalities and details of the above mentioned cab rules.

Commission members comments.

Brad Kehoe brought forth a city bus idea in light of rising cab fares. Chair person John Hastie mentioned that this idea had been executed back in the 1980's but failed due to the citizen's impulse to call a cab and leave then rather than to wait on a bus to arrive at a scheduled time.

Chair person John Hastie suggested a fee for transportation sur charge for services provided by the Police Department, Fire Department, and Ambulance. He also brought forth the idea of having a ten dollar departure fee for all individuals leaving Bethel from the airport.

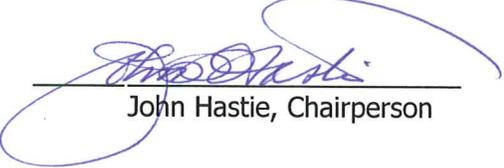
ADJOURNMENT

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 8:25 pm, August 5, 2002.

Approved this 7 day of Oct, 2002.



John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Nicole Williams, Recorder