
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

August 05, 2020

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on August 05, 2020 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Madelene Reichard *Chair*
 Peter Williams
 Nicholai Joekay
 Theresa Quiner
 Mary Nanuwak
 Melanie Fredericks

Absent: Azara Mohammadi *Vice Chair*
 Mark Springer *Council Representative*
 William Howell III *Fire Chief*

Ex-Officio Present: Jesslyn McGowan *Recorder*
 Richard Simmons *Police Chief*
 Eric Pavil *Lieutenant*

Others Present: Ted Meyers *Planning Department*

6:43 Nicholai Joekay Joined Meeting through Telephone

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one to be heard.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 01
SECONDED:	Fredericks	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Update on Transportation Planning

City Manager was not present.

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to table to next meeting.
SECONDED:	Quiner	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

B. Review Recommendation to Council- Anti-Bias Training for Bethel Police Department and Bethel Fire Department

Madelene spoke on both the instructor and the training. The instructor is from Bethel and has done the training for YKHC and LKSD already. Wants to potentially present it for the first responders. Other members spoke on the training and that it would benefit them.

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to table till next meeting with more information.
SECONDED:	Quiner	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	4 Yes 1 No: Nanuwak- No, Williams-Yes, Quiner-Yes, Fredericks-Yes, Joekay-Yes; Motion Passes	

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Update On Progress with Tundra Ridge Road

Ted Meyers, City Planner, spoke on the updates that are going on between DOT and the City regarding the Tundra Ridge Road. DOT is working on getting the right of way and going through the obstacles to get the road connected again.

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to get an update at the next meeting.
SECONDED:	Quiner	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	4 Yes 1 No: Nanuwak- No, Williams-Yes, Quiner-Yes, Fredericks-Yes, Joekay-Yes; Motion Passes	

B. Vicarious Trauma Training Discussion for Bethel Police and Fire Department

Nicholai spoke about the training and how it would benefit both departments. Members decided it would be beneficial to talk about this training with the Anti-Bias training at next meeting after reviewing what trainings the Police Department does already.

MOVED:	Quiner	Motion to table till next meeting with more information.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

A. Taxi Cab Permits to Suspend or Revoke- BMC 05.20.080

Jesslyn, Transportation Inspector, spoke on the four permits and the issue of not having inspections done in a year. Issues came up as well with COVID-19 and drivers being stuck in another state as well as City facilities closing lobbies for a while due to COVID.

MOVED:	Quiner	Motion to talk to City Attorney and table till next meeting.
SECONDED:	Williams	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

VIII. CHIEF's COMMENTS

Chief Simmons – See Report in Commission Packet

Chief Howell – See Report in Commission Packet

IX. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR'S REPORT

See Report in Commission Packet

X. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE's COMMENTS

Council Representative not present

XI. COMMISSION MEMBER's COMMENTS

Melanie Fredericks- Introduced herself and her background. Excited to be on the commission, learn with everyone the on process and the services the city provides.

Theresa Quiner- Introduced herself and her background and why she wanted to join the commission.

Mary Nanuwak- Made a comment and asked why everything keeps getting table and nothing getting done.

Peter Williams- No comment

Nicholai Joekay- No comment

Madelene Reichard- Welcomed the new members and is excited to have new people on the commission.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Williams	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Fredericks	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF September, 2020.


Jesslyn McGowan, Recorder


Madelene Reichard, Chair