
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

August 6, 2003

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on August 6, 2003 at 12:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Chair John Dickens called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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| John Dickens | Michael Cho |
| Jerry Drake | Tom Fazzini |
| Tae Hwa Chung | Brad Kehoe |
- John Hastie attended the meeting late; after roll call.

EXCUSAL OF ABSENT COMIITTEE MEMBERS

MOVED BY:	Dickens	To excuse absent committee members James Blake, Don Poe, and John Hastie who are either working or not feeling well.
SECONDED BY:	Kehoe	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Howard H. Morris, Chief of Police and Transportation Inspector
George Young, Fire Chief
Andrew Steele, Transportation Technician
Linda Solomon, Recorder

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Nicole Williams

Ms. Williams went through the Helpful/Appropriate Hints for Rules and Order for Commission Meetings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	Drake	To approve the regular agenda with two amendments.
SECONDED BY:	Kehoe	

Under New Business added – Ordinance 03-11

Under New Business added – Item C: Council Representative chairing Committee/Commission meetings

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 14, 2003.
SECONDED BY:	Kehoe	

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

Chief Young stated that the new ambulance has been transferred to the City of Bethel. Vacant fire fighter position has been filled and the Fire Department is fully staffed now. The oldest ambulance is now parked behind the City Office and is going to be a community vehicle between the Fire and Police Department to transport the deceased. The next oldest ambulance that is about 12 years old is going to be slowly converted to charge air bottles in the field. Will start looking for updated fire equipment such as fire trucks and storage equipment.

Chief Morris informed the commission that the Police Department is finally fully staffed now. We are down 4 Dispatcher but have part time employees to fill in. P. D. is in the process of the 9-1-1 Upgrade that will keep us up on the 911 system. We are still working on the Helmet Law; two attorneys are here today and will get to speak with them. There was a concern of a cab driving around town with metal sticking out of it. The cab was found and the problem is resolved. The other concern is that some cabs that have a tendency of pulling up behind people causing accidents. We are in the process of sending out a memo to all cab owners advising them this may/may not be a problem and will not be tolerated. Some time in the future, we will meet with the cab owners and try to address some of the problems. With the issue at the airport, I will meet with L. J. and Alaska Airlines to resolve the traffic situation in front of Alaska Airlines.

TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

Two items: one addressed already by the Chief which is actually Item # A under new business. Item B which is added onto agenda by Council Member Drake is the air bag order (Ordinance 03-11) was turned down by city council.

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A) Chief Morris covered this issue in his comments.
- B) Ordinance 03-11: Jerry Drake planning on reintroducing ordinance at the next city council meeting. This ordinance relates to children under 12 riding in the front seat that has an operating air bag.

ORDINANCE 03-11

MOVED BY:	Kehoe	Motion made for Commission to continue to support the adoption of Ordinance 03-11.
SECONDED BY:	Fazzini	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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C) Commission member Drake's proposal for the council representative serving on a committee/commission would be the chair of that committee/commission. This would make them fully involved in the committee/commission process and be more likely to take committee/commission concerns back to the city council for possible action. This should be Mayors responsibility to remind council members of part of their duty as a council member.

SUSPENTION OF RULES TO ADD ITEM D

MOVED BY:	Dickens	D) Formal appreciation to Ms. Williams on the outstanding job that she has done for the commission, Police Department and the City of Bethel as a whole.
SECONDED BY:	Kehoe	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

John Dickens expressed his gratitude to the police department for a professional public safety establishment and enhanced 911 center. Dickens also complimented members for attending meeting today. Also would like to thank Ms. Williams again for the job that she has done for the commission.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	Drake	To adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Fazzini	

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 12:55 p.m., August 6, 2003. Next meeting on Wednesday - 9/2/03 at 12:00 p.m.

Approved this 3 day of September, 2003.


John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Linda Solomon, Recorder