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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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September 3, 2003

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on September 3, 2003 at 12:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Chair John Hastie called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

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

John Hastie	Michael Cho
Jerry Drake	Brad Kehoe
Tae Hwa Chung	

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

George Young, Fire Chief  
Andrew Steele, Transportation Technician  
Linda Solomon, Recorder

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Chief Young informed PS&TC that Jim Blake had passed away.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>Moved By:</b>	Kehoe	To approve the regular agenda with one amendments.
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chung	

Under New Business added – Item B: Appeal to Taxi Cab

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<b>Moved By:</b>	Drake	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 6, 2003.
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Kehoe	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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### RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW AT 11:30 A.M.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Drake	Due to more needed time to hear taxi cab appeal, motion made to recess until tomorrow 9/4/03 at 11:30 a.m.
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Kehoe	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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September 4, 2003

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

Continued regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on September 4, 2003 at 11:30 a.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Chair John Hastie called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

### ROLL CALL

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

John Hastie	Michael Cho
Tom Fazzini	Brad Kehoe
Tae Hwa Chung	
Don Poe	

John Dickens and Jerry Drake are both at work.

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

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

### CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Informed PS&TC of Jim Blake's passing. Hugh Short Sr. had a heart attack and is going to go through surgery. The Bicycle Helmet ordinance that PS&TC supported should be before the city council at the next city council meeting.

John Hastie added to the Chief's comments to send a card to the families of Jim Blake and Hugh Short, Sr. from PS&TC. Chief to pick up cards and get around to all commission members.

### TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

- A. The City of Bethel web page is on line that includes the Police Department which also includes information on taxi cabs. Officers were finding that taxis stopped for various reasons and were asked for trip sheets, the drivers would say they are the dispatcher for the company. The ordinance says that dispatchers do not need to fill out trip sheets and there was no way to verify if driver is the dispatcher. Steele developed a 4x6 card that includes the taxi company name, dispatch, permit for the present year which is hard to duplicate.

A solution was made for the parking/loading situation in front of Alaska Airlines terminal by moving the concrete barriers in one lane and making the outer lane for taxi loading. The other two lanes are to be used for parking and the other is for drive through. No unattended vehicles are allowed in these areas. We are in the

process of writing warning tickets for 10 days and normal tickets after the 10 days.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Would like the commission to think about a possible 3-way Stop at the corner of QFC 1, Water Plant and the Laundry Mat. At this point it is a two way stop where two lanes have to wait until the one non-stop lane is clear to proceed and this would back up traffic. New signs will be going up regarding pedestrians on Akakeek Street with the new boardwalk will impact the traffic in that area. Suggestion for a short term plan to have signs posted; long term plan to straighten the road out to develop a safer intersection.
- B. There is an appeal before the commission on a gentleman that has failed the chauffeur's license. Transportation Technician went through the application procedure with the commission. Stage I is all the paperwork filled out and notarized including criminal history and copy of driving record. Stage II is taking the written test. Stage III is the road test. The written/driving test is one test and the applicant has three tries to pass. If the applicant fails then he/she would have to wait one year to reapply. Ordinance 01-30 is not really clear that the written/driving test is one test and that there is a total of three tries to pass these tests. The applicant understood that he had three tries to pass the written and three for the driving test. Applicant was a taxi driver in New York and was only required to go to a two-week driving school to obtain chauffeur's license. Chairman Hastie cited paragraph of 01-30 amending various sections of chapters 5.20, 5.30, and 5.40 of the Bethel Municipal Code regarding regulations of taxi cabs. In Section III, Amendment of Section 5.40.020, Application for License, Paragraph C: The examination shall consist of a written and a driving test. If an applicant fails either the written or the driving portion of the examination three times in a calendar year, the applicant may not reapply for a chauffeur's license for one year from the date of the third failure. The commission members to vote on whether to grant the applicant another chance for the driving test. Four (4) members voted to grant the applicant's appeal for another change at the driving test; one (1) voted against granting applicant's appeal; and one(1) abstained to vote. The applicant is scheduled to take the driver's test on Monday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m. Need a written memo to the City Clerk in reference to the outcome of the applicant's appeal and advise of any administrative/ financial matters that need to be cleared up.

**COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

Dispatcher's card: City Cab does not run 24 hours a day so the night shift may not be able to get the card to the next dispatcher. The responsibility lies with the cab drivers to get the dispatcher card to the next person. The other problem is that when a dispatcher needs to go on a short break, they may not be able to get the dispatcher card to the person dispatching temporarily. Cab owners need to discuss this issue that the dispatcher keeps a trip sheet then the ordinance will be changed. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

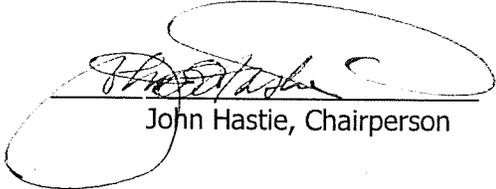
**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Cho	To adjourn the meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Kehoe	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m., September 4, 2003. Next meeting on Wednesday – 10/1/03 at 12:00 p.m.

Approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of OCTOBER, 2003.



John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Linda Solomon  
Linda Solomon, Recorder