
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

September 6th, 2017

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on Sept 6th, 2017 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Joan Dewey *Chair*
 Eileen Henrikson *Vice Chair*
 Naim Shabani *Council Representative*
 Julene Webber
 Mary Weiss
 Jared Karr

Absent:

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

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one to be heard. Jared Karr said a person wanted him to pass along a complaint about dogs in trailer court.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Ordinance for Increase Taxi Rates

The last time taxi rates was increased was 10 years ago in August of 2007. Everything has gone up in price since then such as shipping for vehicles, fuel, insurance, maintenance, taxes and fees while cab rates have stayed the same. Surprisingly, fuel costs the same amount as it did in 2007, but it has fluctuated throughout the years. It is put on here so that it is open to discussion and if anyone has any concerns about it. Also need to change on the ordinance that the in-towns to remain at five dollars and not six. It seems like the perfect time to bring this up, it has been 10 years and the costs of everything else has gone up including population and traffic. The whole intent is getting people to want to take cabs, not have to take cabs.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. In accordance with Bethel Municipal Code 2.52.070 Commission Declaration of Vacancy

Daniel Resigned, Jared Karr has moved up to a normal seat and is no longer an alternate. One member and two alternate vacant spots remain open.

B. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Webber nominates Henrikson for Chair

Naim nominates Weiss for Vice Chair

Mary nominates Karr for Vice Chair

Eileen nominates Karr for Chair

Commission took a vote and Eileen wins Chair, Jared wins Vice Chair.

C. PSTC Responsibilities and Duties

Committee discussed some of the things that were on the handouts that City Attorney Patty Burley gave them on the responsibilities and duties of the committee should be. Decided on Chief, Naim Shabani, Mary Weiss and Jesslyn McGowan to meet on Tuesday 9/12/2017 at 9am to go through the BMC Codes and possible issues with some. Will report to Patty Burley and also the commission on what they discussed.

D. Public Service Announcement for KYUK and other Media in progress by the ESC

Joan Dewey is part of a working group with emergency services with the hospital. They get together to discuss various public health issues, the impact of the shelter and all the increase in needed bed space in the shelter and ER. They are planning on putting together a public service announcement that help puts out there for folks to help other folks binge less and think about other ways to celebrate PFD season. It is open for ideas and so far is at having a question and answer session with adults and kids. Will send all the information to the recorder to distribute to the committee.

E. Discussion about issue of Taxi Cameras

The cameras that the cabs currently have break down every 8-10 months because of the dust during the summer that ruins the sensors in the camera lenses and makes them stop recording. Almost half of the cameras are currently not even working. It costs a lot of money to repair the cameras, from getting them uninstalled, shipping them to the manufacturer, paying them the repair fee, shipping them back and then reinstalling them. There is a requirement on the types of cameras cabs need to have and there should be a more lenient code on what types of cameras cabs are required to have. There are cameras out there that will work perfect that can easily and cost effectively be replaced or repaired compared to the current cameras.

F. Discussion of Camai Cab Permit and possible BMC Violations

Moved to next meeting

VIII. CHIEF’S COMMENTS

Chief Waldron – *See report in commission packet*

Fire Chief Howell – *See report in commission packet*

IX. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR’S REPORT

See report in commission packet

X. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE’S COMMENTS

The main item that has been coming up this past month at council meetings is sales tax. There isn’t really anything new to update at the moment.

XI. COMMISSION MEMBER’S COMMENTS

Julene Webber- No comment today thank you. Oh yeah, I wanted to say thank you to Joan.

Joan Dewey- I am just glad, we are way beyond. WE got a quorum and are able to do this. I think that is very important, I am happy that we have new leadership to facilitate these meetings, I think that is great. Right on, thank you. I would also like to thank Julene, and everyone else. This is a commitment.

Eileen Henrikson- No comment.

Jared Karr- No comment.

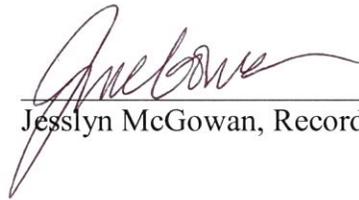
Mary Weiss- No comment.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

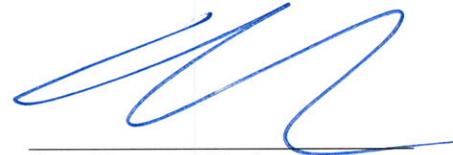
MOVED:	Webber	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Karr	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF October, 2017.



Jesslyn McGowan, Recorder



Joan Dewey, Chair
