
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

September 12th, 2005

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on Monday, September 12th, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson John Hastie called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Compromising a quorum of the Commission, the following members were present for roll call:

Charley Chung	Hugh Dymont
John Hastie	John Dickens
Mark Springer	Kyla Hagan
Mark Miller	

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Administrative Assistant Debbie Reukauf
Chief of Police Benjamin H. Dudley

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

A. Hannah Chung

- a. Cab Driver concerned about permit fee being raised to high by dispatch. Been driving for 5 years and company has raised dispatch fees due to monopoly and she has no place to go.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF August 8th, 2005

MOVED BY:	Springer	Move IIIV a below item IV
SECONDED BY:	Dymont	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON ALCOHOL DISTRIBUTION CENTER

- a. Policy being used in Barrow that was introduced to Bethel Council but not used. Mlynarik wanted to revive it. Charts show possible revenue for city but not to be viewed as the primary goal. Safety is primary goal.
- b. Alcohol purchase is a privilege not a right a consolidated Distribution Center is needed.
- c. Question raised about effect Barrow law enforcement as seen since Distribution Center has been established there. Chief Dudley stated that he understands that alcohol related crime is spiraling downward.
- d. Request to establish Alcohol Distribution Center be made a high priority.
- e. Discussion to be continued at next meeting.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF August 8th, 2005

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF August 8th, 2005

MOVED BY:	Dyment	
SECONDED BY:	Dickens	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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VI. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

- A. Introduced Debbie Reukauf as Administrative Assistant and Brodie Broerman's move to CSO position.

MOTION TO SEND RECOMMENDATION TO THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL

MOVED BY:	Dyment	Consider enacting an ordinance creating a consolidated alcohol delivery site. Present Barrow delivery site ordinance to Bethel City Council as is.
SECONDED BY:	Dickens	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

- A. None given.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Break taken at 8:15 and Resumed at 8:20 to facilitate recording of meeting

- B. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON DMV ROAD TEST PROCTOR
 - a. Contact Driver's Ed. Instructor at KUC to do DMV Road Test.
- C. RESOLUTION ON REWORDING DOG BITTING ORDINANCE
 - a. Mayor Dyment presented changes in wording on dog biting policy, see attached.

MOTION TO SEND RECOMMENDATION TO THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL

MOVED BY:	Dyment	Rewording of BMC 6.04.070 as attached to recommendation.
SECONDED BY:	Dickens	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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- D. DISCUSSION ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR CHAUFFEURS (BMC 5.20.085).(H.DYMENT)
 - a. Recommend same policy as used for city employee drivers. Chief Dudley supports this but questions how it is to be enforced.
 - b. Discussed having an initial drug test, a random drug test, and a post accident drug test

MOTION TO HAVE PD CREATE DRUG TESTING POLICY TITLE 5

MOVED BY:	Dyment	
SECONDED BY:	Dickens	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. VEHICLE IMPOUND (CHIEF DUDLEY)
 - a. Discussed using Kenny's Towing and Bob's Sheir's impound facility instead of Kusko wrecker and impound do to reliability issues.
 - b. Discussion on need for RFP.
- B. DISCUSSION ON REVISING BMC 5.50 DISPATCH SERVICE TO ALLOW THE CITY TO ISSUE ONE NON-TRANSFERABLE DISPATCH PERMIT FOR INDEPENDENT VEHICLE PERMIT OWNERS. (BROERMAN)

- a. Discussion continued as brought up by Miss Chung in people to be heard concerning increase in dispatch fees.
- b. Discussion on BMC 5.20.050 (A3)(E) which states commission may establish lease rates.

MOTION TO FREEZE CURRENT RATES PAID BY DRIVERS TO DISPATCH SERVICE

MOVED BY:	Dyment	\$100.00 FOR DISPATCH \$180.00 FOR PERMIT & DISPATCH \$450.00 FOR VEHICLE, PERMIT & DISPATCH ALL FEES ARE WEEKLEY.
SECONDED BY:	Dickens	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion failed by unanimous voice vote.
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Motion to set the maximum lease rates

MOVED BY:	Dyment	Between permittees and lease operators of the taxicabs including, dispatch service fees and daily lease rates for the taxicab chauffeurs to those charges as of 9/11/05 by individual companies, per BMC 5.20.040.
SECONDED BY:	Dickens	

Primary Amendment made and unanimously voted and agreed on to change the initial motion from "Motion to have the PS&TC freeze current rates charged as of 9/11/05 for the various lease rates as per 5.20.040" to the Motion stated above.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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X. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMENTS

- A. Mr. Miller said that if no one does anything nothing will happen.
- B. Miss Hagan welcomed new member Mr. Miller and state that she will bring up issue of child passenger safety, and felt that education is the key.
- C. Mr. Dyment had no comments.
- D. Mr. Dickens thanked Broerman, Reukauf, and Chief Dudley. Concerned about a natural disaster and emergency response plan for this region
- E. Mr. Chung asked about possible bus transit system and if it would be regulated by the commission,
- F. Mr. Hastie had no comments.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOVED BY:	Dickens	September 12 th , 2005 at 10:20p.m.
SECONDED BY:	Dyment	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next meeting on Monday – October 10th, 2005



 John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:


 Debbie Reukauf, Recorder