
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

October 1, 2003

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on October 1, 2003 at 12:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice Chair John Dickens called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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| John Hastie | Michael Cho |
| Jerry Drake | Tom Fazzini |
| Charley Hwa Chung | Brad Kehoe |
| Don Poe | |

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

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

EXCUSAL OF MEMBERS

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| MOVED BY: | Dickens | To excuse Don Poe who is not able to attend due to work. |
| SECONDED BY: | Drake | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by a unanimous vote. |
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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| MOVED BY: | Drake | To approve agenda with additions. |
| SECONDED BY: | Dickens | |

Additions: Approval of Agenda; Approval of Minutes

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by a unanimous vote. |
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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| MOVED BY: | Drake | To approve minutes of 9/3-4/03 as amended. |
| SECONDED BY: | Dickens | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by a unanimous vote. |
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CHIEF'S COMMENTS

On October 7, possibly the 8th, Ridgecrest Drive will be closed to traffic for installation of a conduit for a new crossing for the City's main sewer line. Discussion of where closed signs are going to be posted.

The three month trial of a Wednesday noon meeting needs to be decided by the commission if they will continue to meet on the first Wednesday at noon or go back to the first Monday at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting on November 3 at 7 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

- A. None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Commission Members support a three way stop at the corner at QFC 1 which is practically the same as Watson's corner that has a three way stop. Commission would like to get information from DOT on traffic count for that area from last year to support the three way stop. Commission needs to get this recommendation to the City Council to recommend to the State for this change. With addition of stop sign on a three way stop, that corner needs another light pole at that corner. Recommendations: 1) need for a light pole at the intersection of Akakeek and Ptarmigan Street; 2) pave about the first 20 feet before the stop sign at the corner of QFC 1 on Akakeek Street. Chief Morris to move ahead with the 3-way stop and talk with DOT to check on the lighting issues. Chief Morris to update PS&TC on progress of the three way stop.

RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL

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| MOVED BY: | Drake | To send recommendation to the City Council for a three way stop at the corner of Ridgecrest Drive and Akakeek Street. |
| SECONDED BY: | Dickens | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by a unanimous vote. |
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- B. Two of the commission members who are cab drivers met with some of the cab owners and stated that some owners preferred using the Dispatch Card and some did not. Recommendation that the Police Department meet with the cab owners to see if use of dispatch card is preferred. Andrew Steele and Chief Morris to set up meeting with cab owners to discuss this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. At the last meeting, commission talked about the possibility of making the verbiage in the ordinance a little bit more distinguishable. The wording in ordinance 03-10 where it says, "If the applicant fails either portion of the examination three times in any one calendar year, the applicant may not reapply for a chauffeur's license for at least one year from the date of the third failure of either portion of the examination could be changed to read, "If an applicant fails either portion of the examination in any combination....."

ORDINANCE 03-10 AMENDMENT

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| MOVED BY: | Dickens | To amend ordinance 03-10 and accept as such. |
| SECONDED BY: | Kehoe | |

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

It is good to see aggressive patrolling by officers with courtesy and professionalism. Concern of the stop sign area at the intersection of Akakeek and Ptarmigan when it becomes slippery – Chief Morris to look at this issue. With a new Public Works Director, there should be more sanding of the roads during the winter.

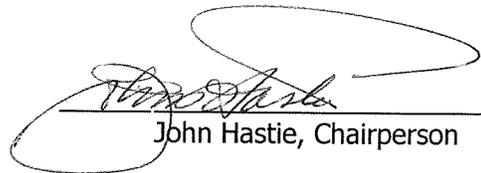
ADJOURNMENT

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| MOVED BY: | Dickens | To adjourn the meeting. |
| SECONDED BY: | Drake | |

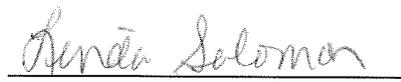
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| VOTE ON MOTION | Motion carried by a unanimous vote. |
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With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m., October 1, 2003. Next meeting on Monday – 11/3/03 at 7:00 p.m.

Approved this 3rd day of October, 2003.


 John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:


 Linda Solomon, Recorder