
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

October 4th, 2017

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on October 4th, 2017 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Julene Webber

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.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. PSTC Responsibilities and Duties

No one had anything to discuss at the moment

B. Discuss BMC Codes

Naim Shabani and Chief Waldron discussed a few things that were talked about in the meeting. The main topics were the cameras inside the cab, drug testing/drug testing program, record-keeping; whether they want to change the code or enforce it better and designated inspection stations. Discussed changing the cameras to cheaper ones that don't cost as much to fix when they break since there is no easy way to fix the cameras. Also whether they should have a separate GPS system or have it a feature of the new camera. The drug testing and whether cab driver should have to take a drug test every time they renew their permit every two years. The record-keeping and how it is possible to do when they dispatch from the cab. Committee to decide if they want to modify the code to make it easier somehow for the cab drivers to keep records or if they want to better enforce the code as is and let the cab companies change their way of how they dispatch and keep records. The inspection station part of the code needs to be modified so that it clarifies better about who can be a designated inspection station.

C. Discussion of Camai Cab Permit and Possible BMC Violations

Informed the committee of the violations. Decided with the City Attorney, Patty Burley, to wait to discuss this further after the Chief, Transportation Inspector Designee and herself have a meeting to discuss the dispatch service permit for Camai Cab.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Update on Hospital Road and every other Bethel Road

Betsy Jumper was not able to attend PSTC meeting

B. How to Reduce Alcohol Abuse and Public Drunkenness

No one had any more discussion on this besides that the liquor store should be a city run liquor store and delivery site similar to what Kotzbue does.

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

"I don't really have any comments other than I just wanted to thank all the voters who voted yesterday. I think we have some great candidates and I think we'll have a really great counsel this next term. Thanks again to everyone and our commission and committee members, you guys do a tremendous job giving input and recommendations to council."

XI. COMMISSION MEMBER's COMMENTS

Joan Dewey- "I would just suggest that if we can think of any other community members who would like to be willing to be alternates or who would like to be alternates that way we always have a quorum."

Jared Karr- No comment.

Eileen Henrikson- No comment.

Mary Weiss – "I want to let everyone know that on Saturday October 14 we are going to have the Flu Clinic at the Cultural Center. We've done it every year, family clinic is involved. Starts at 10am until 2pm. Come and get your flu shots"

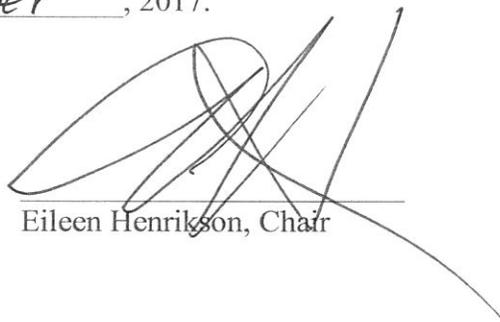
XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF December, 2017.


Jesslyn McGowan, Recorder


Eileen Henrikson, Chair