
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

October 7, 2002

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on October 7, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Log Cabin, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson John Hastie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

John Hastie	Jim Blake
Jerry Drake	Michael Cho
Don Poe	
Brad Kehoe	

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Andrew Steele, Taxi Technician
Nicole Williams, Recorder

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public to be heard.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	Blake	To approve the regular agenda.
SECONDED BY:	Kehoe	

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

MOVED BY:	Drake	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 9, 2002.
SECONDED BY:	Kehoe	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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MOVED BY:	Hastie	To allow people that arrived late to be heard under PEOPLE TO BE HEARD
SECONDED BY:	Blake	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Diane Chon arrived late to be heard but stated she would like to speak in a minute.

CHIEFS' COMMENTS

Chief Howard Morris was unable to attend.

TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

Nothing to report at this time.

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT

Mr. Steele passed out copies of the Taxi Technicians Report. The issue of trip sheets was brought up. Trip sheets are supposed to be kept by all cab drivers and submitted to the main office of the cab company and kept for ninety days. During that time, they must be available to the Police Department should they be requested. After the ninety days, it is at the company's discretion as what to do with them.

It was brought to Mr. Steele's attention that some cab drivers have discovered a way to get around the ordinance pertaining to the keeping of trip sheets by claiming that they are dispatching. It states in the ordinance that if a driver is dispatching, he or she is not required to keep a trip sheet.

Discussion ensued regarding the significance of trip sheets.

Andrew Steele spoke on behalf of Chief Morris regarding several issues to be addressed from the last meeting.

The city attorney is currently researching the issue of hazardous material trucks parking in public parking lots. (Yukon Fuel parking trucks in the airport parking lot.)

A class on proper installation of child restraint seats in vehicles will be coming to Bethel in April 2003.

City Council has granted the Public Safety & Transportation Commission forty-five days from the last council meeting to deal with issues at hand before acting on the headlight ordinance.

Discussion ensued regarding commercial vehicles carrying passengers having headlights on.

Mr. Steele suggested that the idea of eliminating chauffeur testing every year and simply renewing the license would not be in the best interest due to lack of ongoing driver education. Testing refreshes and holds the driver's skills. He recommended to still do the permit application and then test everybody every two years.

MOVED BY:	Cho	Recommend to Council to change chauffeur permit renewal and test to be taken every five years.
SECONDED BY:	Kehoe	

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion fails.
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MOVED BY:	Poe	Recommend to Council to continue to renew chauffeur permit application yearly and change written/driving test to be taken every two years.
SECONDED BY:	Blake	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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A. OLD BUSINESS

There were no items to be discussed under Old Business.

B. NEW BUSINESS

There were no items to be discussed under New Business.

Commission Members Comments.

Mr. Chung voiced concerns of windows being busted out of vehicles.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Chung asked significance of trip sheets if Police Department does not collect them.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	Blake	To adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED BY:	Drake	

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 8:40 pm, October 7, 2002.

Approved this 2 day of December, 2002.



John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Nicole Williams, Recorder