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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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October 8, 2001

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Bethel City Council was held on October 8, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson John Hastie called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

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

John Hastie	Don Poe
Jim Blake	Hugh Short, Jr.
Tae Twa Chung	Charlie Poe
Brad Kehoe	

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Robert K. Pettitt, Chief of Police  
Janette Persinger, Recorder

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Several members of the community were heard. Each member of the community voiced the same concerns: the roll back of the fare structure and the flyer that was mailed to the public.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Kehoe	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting on 9/01/01 and the special meeting held on 9/14/01.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Short, Jr.	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Short, Jr.	To approve the regular agenda.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chung	

*Under (a) of Old Business item 3 was added – Fare Structure*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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### CHIEFS' COMMENTS

*There were no comments by either the Fire Chief or the Chief of Police.*

### TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

*There was not a report made available by the Transportation Inspector.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ITEM A – Vehicle For Hire Ordinance**

**1. Drug Testing Procedures**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Short, Jr.	To delete all pre-employment drug testing from the ordinance (#01-02).
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Poe (Don)	

During discussion Mr. Short, Jr. pointed out that on two different occasions the PSTC has voted to have the pre-employment drug testing be removed from the ordinance. These recommendations were sent to the City Council who has required that pre-employment drug testing be added back to the ordinance. This will be the third time that this issue will be brought before the Council, the PSTC encourages the Council to hear and understand their point of view on this matter.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6-1.
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**2. Dispatch Services**

Chief Pettit presented information regarding a dispatch service proposed by Daniel Wilcox of Bethel. In the Chief's presentation he explained the benefits of using this dispatch service for both the City of Bethel and the taxicab industry. It was decided by the Commission that perhaps Mr. Wilcox should present his service to the industry and then the information could be brought to the Commission.

**3. Fare Structures**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Poe (Don)	The rates that are set in the ordinance (#01-02) are a precise rate – not a minimum or a maximum.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chung	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
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**AMMENDED MOTION**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Short, Jr.	The Public Safety & Transportation Commission shall set the following rates and shall be effective 10/20/01: CAB FARES WITHIN THE CITY (including Bethel Heights) \$ 4.00 FARE TO THE HOSPITAL \$ 4.00 FARE TO THE TRAILER COURT, HANGAR LAKE, POWER PLANT \$ 4.00 FARE TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT TO ALL LOCATIONS \$ 6.00 FARE TO KASAYULI SUBDIVISION \$10.00 HALF-HOUR FARE CHARTER \$25.00 FARE AIRPORT TO AIRPORT \$ 4.00 EN ROUTE STOPS (Per Minute) \$ 1.00
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Kehoe	

Mr. Short, Jr. referred to a chart of taxicab operating costs provided to the Commission by Dianna Chon of Quyana Cab. He also pointed out that he feels that the chart of costs provided more than enough adequate information to substantiate the increase in fare costs. Mr. Kehoe felt that this increase could be thought of as a cost of living increase.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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**SECOND AMMENDMENT TO THE MOTION**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Blake	Contractual rates maybe charged with the approval of the Transportation Inspector on a temporary basis to be acted upon at the next commission meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Kehoe	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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**NEW BUSINESS**

*There were no items under new business.*

**PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance #01-01: Drug Testing Procedures**

Discussion ensued regarding drug testing procedures. Members of the industry were encouraged to attend the next City Council meeting and voice their concerns over the pre-employment testing. As of this date, there is not a qualified clinic or individual who has the ability to provide drug testing for the industry.

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Poe	To adjourn the meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Short, Jr.	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm, October 8, 2001.

Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001.

  
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John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Janette Persinger, Recorder