
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

November 2nd, 2005

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on, Wednesday, November 2nd, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

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

II. ROLL CALL

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

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

John Dickens absent because he is out of town. * Mr. Miller arrived after roll call at 7:25 p.m. due to flight arrival.

Ex-Officio members present were the following:
Administrative Assistant Debbie Reukauf
Transportation Inspector Molly Bailie

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

- A. David Henderson
 - a. Representing Mr. Woo S. Yoon owner of Quyana Cab.
 - b. Mr. Yoon has improved the cars used by taxi drivers so is charging \$200.00 a week for dispatch fee.
 - c. Wants to have flexibility for dispatch fee.
- B. Mr. Selmaui
 - a. Questioned why taxi drivers have to fill out trip sheets and being ticketed for not doing so.
 - i. Will make a discussion item at December Regular Meeting
- C. Jenny Kim
 - a. Problems with drivers and owners.
 - b. Commission should understand owners are working hard to provide a fair service.
 - c. Dispatch fee should be equal for all dispatch services.
- D. Alla Tinker
 - a. Repeated that dispatch fee should be equal for all.
- E. Mr. Feli
 - a. Kusko Cab fees have been the same and he does not want to be told what to charge.
 - b. Dispatch fee covers repairs for car, insurance, etc for vehicles owned by Kusko Cab.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF November 2nd, 2005 AS AMENDED

MOVED BY:	Springer	Remove item V and VI from agenda
SECONDED BY:	Hagan	

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

- A. Bailie reports everything is going well
 - a. Hastie questioned if officers can issue a ticket to taxi drivers for failure to fill out trip sheets.
 - b. Answer is yes according to BMC 5.40.120, D.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of rates to be charged for services provided by dispatch service.
 - a. Open discussion between Commission Members and with the audience.
 - i. Chart made to reflect different amounts charged by each dispatch service represented at meeting.

DISPATCH FEE'S CHARGED BY TAXI CAB OWNERS			
<u>(Cab Companies)</u>	Driver Own Car/Driver Own Permit	Driver Own Car/Driver Lease Permit	Driver Lease Car and Permit
Kusko Cab	\$300.00 Dbl. Shift \$150.00 per week	\$300.00 Dbl. Shift \$150.00 per week	\$75.00 a day Owner Provides: Ins./Repairs/car/towing/dispatch
Alaska/Quyana Cab	\$200.00 per week	\$200.00 per week	No leased Cars
Taxi Cab	\$200.00 per week	\$200.00 per week	No leased Cars
City Cab	\$200.00 per week	\$200.00 per week	No leased Cars
Camai	Not Present-----	Only has one car	

- b. No written comments or complaints of any form received by Commission Members, Transportation Inspector or Administrative Assistant.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. No New Business

VIII. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMENTS

- A. Mr. Miller
 - a. Expressed concerns about dispatch rates.
- B. Mr. Dymment.
 - a. Continued discussion on dispatch fee and possible Minimum and Maximum set for fare fees.
 - b. Update on alcohol delivery site issue.
- C. Ms. Hagan
 - a. Possibility of cab owners to form a monopoly.
 - b. Disappointment at lack of taxi driver input.
 - c. Fears customers will suffer from a cab fare increase
- D. Mr. Springer
 - a. Questions concerning dispatch fee continue.
 - b. Current permit list and chauffer list from Bailie for next meeting.
- E. Mr. Chung
 - a. Would like the cab companies to provide data to the commission explaining why they need to raise the dispatch fees.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION TO ADJOURN**

MOVED BY:	Dymment	November 2 nd , 2005 at 9:35 p.m.
SECONDED BY:	Dickens	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Next regular meeting on Monday – November 7th, 2005



John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Debbie Reukauf, Recorder