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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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November 3, 2003

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety Transportation and Commission was held on November 3, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, 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	John Dickens
Charley Chung	Michael Cho
Brad Kehoe	Tom Fazzini
Don Poe	Hugh Dymont

Ex-Officio member present were the following:

Howard H. Morris, Chief of Police  
Linda Solomon, Recorder  
George Young, Fire Chief  
Andrew Steele, Transportation Technician

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Hugh Short Sr. commented on the Taxi Trip Sheets which he states is turning out to be a mess and would like to see the cab industry go back to tape recording. The recording is more accurate and records for 24 hours at a time.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Dickens	To approve the regular agenda with an addition of Tape Recorder Dispatch.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Cho	

*Under (A) of New Business item 1 was added – Tape Recorder Dispatch.*

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

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Dickens	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting on 10/1/03.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Fazzini	

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

Chief Morris distributed and went through the Helmet Ordinance before presenting to the City Clerk. The commission members decided to omit sleds from the ordinance.

Officers are now fully staffed; dispatch still has two open positions. We have 5 new officers learning to be officers and doing a great job for the City of Bethel. Have gotten public comments on how officers are friendly and courteous.

The Fire Department has had their annual interaction with kids in the community, fire prevention, winterizing vehicles. Last week had eight of the EMT II's go through re-certification class; this week is the three cardiac class. The Fire Department is preparing for the winter.

### **TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT**

- A. Letter to the owner's of the cab companies went out this morning informing that 2004 applications can be found in the lobby of the Police Department for chauffeurs and other drivers. There is also a time line in order to get permits out by 1/1/04. Observed the traffic lanes in front of Alaska Airlines a couple times and the cabs are doing what is expected of them. The public however had 9 unattended vehicles this morning and 5 at lunch time. Need someone to monitor traffic. TSA applied for grant of \$25,000 to assist with this problem. Chief Morris to check with TSA, AK. Airlines Manager, and D.O.T. regarding other airline parking space.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Chief Morris talked with D.O.T. regarding the intersection at QFC 1 and advised that is not their property. Met with Greg Sergeant and Chief Young and are in the process of discussing how to set up a barricade in that corner where the public will not cut through in front of the water plant. Will move forward with the 3-way Stop as soon as we devise a plan on how to barricade that corner and still have room for water and fire trucks to access the water plant. We should have an answer by next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Chief Morris and Andrew Steele met with the cab companies and discussed the dispatch card. Suggestion made by cab companies is that they would like to see all cabs go to a recorded dispatch. Three cab companies already have the recorders. There is concerns with cab companies that have only a few cabs with funding to purchase the recorders, imperative that dispatch goes in and out in English otherwise it will make it difficult to monitor, and date and time needs to be included. With the concern of the language used on the recorders, if there is a need for a translator the cab companies should take the responsibility for the translator. Chief Morris and Andrew Steele to meet and report back to PS&TC.

### **COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

John Dickens asking for assistance in thinking of ways that we can to analyze salary of the Police and Fire personnel. Compared to the rest of the state, we are at the lower end of the spectrum in salary. We have a lot of violent crimes and would like ideas to put a stop to as the crimes continue to get worse.

Tom Fazzini feels good about the helmet ordinance and is a good thing to get moving and support.

Don Poe: welcomes Hugh Dymont to the PS&TC. There continues to be a problem with the cross walks. With winter coming, the lines are going to disappear under the snow and ice and would create a hazard. If unable to have flashing lights of crosswalk ahead then the cross walks should be done away with.

Hugh Dymont: reiterated when running for council regarding concern of the Police and Fire Department salaries.

John Hastie: street lights need maintenance and more lights put in at intersections around town. By ordinance it would force the issue that every 100 feet and at all intersections there be a street light. Asked Chief to let the proper department know of maintenance needed on the street lights.

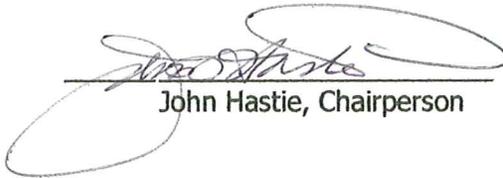
**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Dickens	To adjourn the meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Cho	

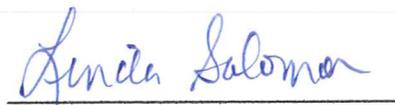
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m., November 3, 2003. Next meeting on Monday – 12/1/03 at 7:00 p.m.

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER, 2003.

  
John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Linda Solomon, Recorder



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION Tuesday, November 3, 2003 - 7:00 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers

#### AGENDA

##### Members

Michael Cho

Charley Hwa Chung

John Dickens  
Vice Chair

Hugh Dymment  
Council Rep

Tom Fazzini

John Hastie  
Chair

Brad Kehoe

Don Poe

##### Ex Officio Members

Howard "Butch" Morris  
Chief of Police  
Transportation  
Inspector

George Young  
Fire Chief

Andrew Steele  
Transportation Tech

Linda Solomon  
Administrative Assistant

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF October 1, 2003
- VI. CHIEFS' COMMENTS
- VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT
  - A. TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. DISCUSSION OF TRAFFIC COUNT AT CORNER OF QFC 1
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. TAPE RECORDER DISPATCH
- X. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

*Linda Solomon*

Linda Solomon, Recorder  
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