
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

December 5th, 2005

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on Monday, December 5th, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson John Hastie called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

John Hastie	John Dickens
Charley Chung	Hugh Dyment
Mark Springer	

Kyla Hagan's absence excused due to being called out of town.
Mark Miller's absence excused due to flight being canceled from village.

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Administrative Assistant Debbie Reukauf
Transportation Inspector Molly Bailie

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

- A. Feli Kadriok
 - a. Request for cab fares to be increased.
 - b. Discussed need for Trip Sheets and the taxi drivers difficulty in filling them out . Does not fill present system is working.
- B. Frank Mazzaro
 - a. Addressed Trip Sheet issue and also does not think it is working efficiently
 - b. Should wait till summer to address cab fare increase.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF December 5th, 2005 AS AMENDED

MOVED BY:	Dickens	Removed items A from VIII and item A from IX
SECONDED BY:	Springer	Remove item C from IX

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF October 10th, 2005, November 7th, 2005 and SPECIAL MEETING OF November 2nd, 2005

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF October 10th, November 7th and November 2nd AS AMMENDED

MOVED BY:	Dyment	Change Compromising to Comprising in Item II on all three minutes as dated above. Change brake to break Nov.7 th item III,A,a. on Oct. 10 th add Jr. to item III,B and simulation to assimilation item IX,C,a
SECONDED BY:	Dickens	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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VI. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

- A. None- Chiefs not present.

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

- A. Working hard on Renewals of license and/or permit – there are a lot of them.
- B. Inspections going well.
- C. No formal complaints lodge concerning taxi cab drivers but there may be a problem of customers being overcharged.
 - a. Mr. Dyment suggests putting together a formal system for lodging complaints.
- D. Rewriting test questions for chauffeur license exam because an applicant had a copy of test with the answers
- E. Bailie to discuss changing the BMC code with Chief Dudley.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion on need for Trip Sheets.
 - a. Question: Why did the commission change from taped dispatch to Trip Sheets for recording purposes and the Police Department's need for the Trip Sheets?
 - i. Difficulty understanding dialogue on tapes and tapes produce too much data making it extremely difficult to find needed information.
 - b. Suggested solution: Have drivers report any unusual behavior of customers.
 - i. To insure driver's compliance, drivers would enter into agreement and conditions with police department.
 - ii. Performance bond payable to police department if failed to file an unusual behavior report.
 - iii. Unusual occurrence report would have more information than trip sheet.
 - c. Another suggested solution: Buy one or two receivers and have police department record taxi dispatches.
 - d. Mr. Dyment will check with Chief Dudley on the need of Trip Sheets.
 - e. Record keeping also needs to be addressed in the BMC revision.

X. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMENTS

- A. Mr. Springer
 - a. Suggest compiling a pool of forty five or fifty questions for the chauffer license exam and then pulling twelve randomly out of the pool when giving the test.
 - b. Giving example questions to applicants for study purposes.
- B. Mr. Dyment
 - a.

SECONDED BY:	Springer	Use common wording so easily understood.
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VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote	
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- C. Mr. Chung
 - a. Where does the commission stand on complying with BMC 5.20.030 C to hold two public hearings annually?
 - b. Mr. Springer suggested scheduling for first part of 2006.
 - c. Mr. Dymont pointed out need to change regular meeting date for January meeting (as it falls on the 2nd) to January 9th, 2006 and Holding the first public hearing at that time. Hold the second sometime in June asking the radio station to announce in both English and Yupik.
- D. Mr. Dickens
 - a. Appointment ends December 31st, 2005 and he will not be available for another term.
- E. Mr. Hastie
 - a. Snow removal leaving a berm in driveways creating a possible accident.
 - i. Fire trucks, police, and ambulances restricted as a result of berm blocking driveway.
 - b. Suggests the community and those responsible for snow removal adopt a plan to add a devise like the gates used on snow plows in Anchorage to our snow removal equipment.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION TO ADJOURN**

MOVED BY:	Dickens	December 5 th , 2005 at 9:00 p.m.
SECONDED BY:	Springer	

VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	
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Next meeting on Monday – January 9th, 2006

ATTEST: Lori Strickler
 Lori Strickler For
 Debbie Reukauf, Recorder

John Hastie
 John Hastie, Chairperson