

**Regular Meeting  
Public Safety & Transportation Commission  
Monday, January 8, 2001**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commission members present were James Blake, Kevin Carter, Tae Hwa Chung, John Hastie, Guy Merculief, John Dickens, and Mike O'Brien. Ex-Officio members present were Chief Robert Pettitt and Cyndee Simpson-Sugar.

**ROLL CALL**

There were no people to be heard.

**PEOPLE TO BE  
HEARD**

Motion was made to approve the minutes of 11/6/00 by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Blake. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES OF 11/6/00**

Motion was made to approve the agenda by Mr. Dickens and seconded by Mr. O'Brien. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

Agenda item "VI Chiefs' Reports" was tabled until the Chief of Police arrived.

**CHIEFS' REPORTS  
(TABLED)**

Transportation report was reviewed. Short discussion on driving test failures. Mr. Hastie praised Mr. Steele's testing standards.

**TRANSPORTATION  
REPORT**

Motion was made to approve the transportation report by Mr. Blake and seconded by Mr. Dickens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hastie, chair, asked that the record reflect that Guy Merculief arrived at 7:09 p.m.

Mr. Merculief sent New Year's greetings to everyone and indicated that he will continue with his term on the Commission. Mr. Blake commented that the Commission seems to be coming along; we have a quorum, which we haven't for the past few meetings; and hopefully things are improving and we can get on with business at hand. Mike O'Brien said that it was good to be home. Mr. Carter commented on hopes for a good year and that people need to show up in order to get things done. Mr. Dickens had

**MEMBER COMMENTS**

questions for Chief Petitt regarding repairs to Sgt. Dudley's home and status of the case. Mr. Dickens also had a question about radio repairs. Mr. Hastie said that he was in the Philippines for 6 weeks and welcomed new members Kevin Carter and John Dickens. Mr. Hastie inquired about the new vehicle for hire ordinance. It was explained that the ordinance was going to be introduced at the next City Council meeting and then sent to the Public Safety & Transportation Commission for review. Copies of the new ordinance will be included in the next meeting packets.

There was an update that the letter of Revocation of cab permit #131 was sent to Mr. Chon and no response has been received on any correspondence to date. The letter to D.O.T. is a draft and has not been sent yet. The Commission agreed to have the letter finalized, signed by the Chair, and mailed. Mike O'Brien stated that the City administration had a conversation with D.O.T. about the possibility of putting down stripes for a crosswalk. The response from D.O. T was that they only painted during a certain time of the year and that was the only time they would paint. Mr. Carter said that there was a petition for a crosswalk being circulated at the hospital. Mr. O'Brien said that that information should probably be sent to Anchorage D.O.T. offices.

Chief Petitt indicated that one individual was arrested in for shooting at Sgt. Dudley's home. Another individual is in a village and will be arrested. They were both also involved in another shooting. Mr. Dickens asked if Chief Petitt would convey to Sgt. Dudley how sorry he was that the shooting happened and how much the people of Bethel appreciate his service. Mr. Dickens also asked about the condition of the radios. Chief said that the police department is working on getting the system running, but the whole console is falling apart. As the technician repairs one detail he finds another item worn out. Chief Petitt said that we've just received word that the City will be getting a \$130,000 communications grant from Senator Ted Stevens in Washington, D.C. We will receive \$115,000 of that amount because the state receives a portion for administration. Chief Petitt expressed appreciation for the support of the community and for helping the department out. He said that the officers did an outstanding job; one officer worked about 46 hours of overtime in the past two weeks working the case.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **CHIEFS' REPORT**

Mr. Hastie suggested that the Commission write a letter of support and confidence for the Police Department. Motion was made by Mr. Blake for the Commission to provide a letter of support and confidence for the Police Department and seconded by Mr. Mercurief. Motion carried unanimously.

Colleen Soberay gave a presentation on rules of procedure for commissions. She presented all members with a booklet that included information on the ordinance that establishes commissions; the charge of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission; how to run an efficient meeting; role of the chair; role of the secretary; attendance policy and OMA (Open Meeting Acts). If a member cannot make a meeting they must call the secretary. Attendance will be taken even in the event of no quorum so that attendance can be monitored. Colleen explained the current ordinance before the Council regarding attendance for commissions. The proposed ordinance amending 2.52.070 and 2.52.160 of the BMC lists percentages of absences allowed for different types of meetings. Colleen was asked about setting time limits for "People to Be Heard." She said that it is okay and is up to the commission to decide. When setting time limits the Commission may wish to take the topic and numbers of people to speak into consideration.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nominations for chair were opened. Guy Mercurief nominated John Hastie. Mr. O'Brien moved to close nominations and Mr. Carter seconded his motion. Motion was made by Mr. Mercurief and seconded by Mr. Dickens to appoint John Hastie as Chair of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission. Motion carried unanimously. John Hastie is the new Chair for the Public Safety and Transportation Commission for the year 2001.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Nominations for vice-chair were opened. Mike O'Brien nominated James Blake and John Hastie seconded the nomination. Mr. Carter moved that nominations be closed and Mr. Dickens seconded the motion. James Blake is the new Vice Chair of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission for the year of 2001 by a vote of 6 to 1.

The lack of streetlights in the area of East Avenue was discussed. Mr. Dickens said there are statistics those streetlights, even though they may cost money to install, save money in the long run because they prevent accidents and crime. He used the light in front of I.D. Variety as an

example of making an area safer for pedestrians and traffic. East Avenue was discussed as being a rougher part of town and by adding streetlights we take a step in the direction of reclaiming the area. Mr. Hastie asked if there was an ordinance that spells out requirements for street lighting and recommends that the commission obtain copies and review and make its recommendations from there. The City Clerk will forward the lighting ordinance so that it can be included in commission packets for a future meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Blake. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February, 2001



John L. Hastie III, Chair



Cynthia J. Simpson-Sugar, Recorder

**PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WORK SESSION ON NEW VEHICLE FOR HIRE ORDINANCE**

January 17, 2001

7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioners present were John Hastie, Kevin Carter, John Dickens, Hugh Short, Jr., Tae Hwa Chung, and Guy Mercurief. Absent included Mike O'Brien (excused) and James Blake (excused). Ex-Officio members present were Chief Robert Petitt and Cyndee Simpson-Sugar, recording secretary.

**ROLL CALL**

People to be heard included about 10 members from the vehicle for hire industry. Their questions included concerns about the new ordinance and whether it was already law or not. Chair, John Hastie stated that the ordinance was proposed and the purpose of the meeting was to have a work session on the proposed ordinance. The Commission will give its recommendations to the City Council by March 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be additional work sessions and there will be public hearings on the ordinance.

**PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

Hugh Short, Sr. gave his opinion on central dispatch. He stated that it would not work because it would cost over \$100,000 a year and would put companies out of business. Mr. Hastie encouraged those present to submit their concerns in writing and to speak with Michelle Powers so that she might also be able to express concerns of the industry to the Commission and to Council.

Terryl Miller expressed that the new ordinance seemed to be simple and more clear in general, but was more complicated in that it added more rules to an already over regulated industry. He also felt that it did not totally address the transfer of permits.

There were quite a few concerns about the cost of fares staying the same yet there are increased costs for gas and insurance. The new ordinance also proposes raising the taxi permit fee to \$150.00.

Chief Petitt said that under the current ordinance rates could only be increased by council approval. The new ordinance would allow the Commission to set rates. Chief Petitt encouraged everyone to work together to come to a consensus on issues such as central dispatch. The City needs a paper trail of the number of calls. Tapes do not work. Trip sheets were suggested. Chief Petitt encouraged the Commission to set a time limit of 9:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Short to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Work session on the new ordinance began at 7:45 p.m.

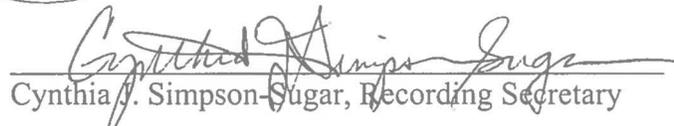
**WORK SESSION**

Work session adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

PASSED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February, 2001.

  
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John Hastie III, Chair

  
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Cynthia J. Simpson-Sugar, Recording Secretary

**Regular Meeting  
Public Safety & Transportation Commission  
Monday, February 5, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Members present were James Blake, John Dickens, John Hastie, Guy Mercurief, Mike O'Brien, Don Poe, and Hugh Short, Jr. Members absent were Kevin Carter (excused) and Tae Hwa Chung (excused). Ex-officio members present were Chief Robert K. Petitt, Cyndee Simpson-Sugar, and Janette Persinger. Also present were City Manager Bob Herron, Attorney Louann Cutler, Attorney Michelle Power, and members of the Taxi Industry.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Steele presented information regarding the lack of speed signs posted on certain streets in Bethel. As DMV supervisor, Mr. Steele administers road testing and has found the lack of signage very confusing while road testing. He presented the Commission with copies of the Bethel Municipal Code and pictures to support his concern. Chair Hastie asked that this item be put on the next agenda for discussion. Council Member, Mike O'Brien said that he would make sure that this is an agenda item on the next City Council meeting.

**PEOPLE TO BE  
HEARD**

Several members of the Taxicab Industry presented the Commission with written concerns and comments regarding the new proposed "Vehicle for Hire" ordinance. A taxicab driver also mentioned, in regards to traffic signs, that the school zone sign near I.D. Variety is hard to see because it is posted too close to where drivers are negotiating the turn.

Motion was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Blake to approve the minutes of 1/8/01 and 1/17/01. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES OF 1/8/01  
AND 1/17/01**

Motion was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Short to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

There were no Chiefs' reports.

**CHIEFS' REPORTS**

At the last City Council meeting Mr. Libby presented the Council with a letter requesting an emergency increase in cab fares. The Council asked that the Public Safety &

**NEW BUSINESS**

Transportation Commission review and make a recommendation.

The Commission heard concerns from the industry and Attorney Michelle Powers that an increase was warranted based on the increased costs of gasoline, insurance, and automobile repair. Ms. Powers presented a document with suggested changes in the proposed ordinance on behalf of her client, Hugh Short, Sr. Industry member Mr. Libby spoke in regards to his letter, addressed to the City Council regarding an emergency raise in rates due to increased costs of doing business. Louann Cutler suggested that rates be set based on costs plus reasonable rate of return. Industry members voiced that there has not been an increase in quite a few years and that rates need to be set for the Kasayuli Subdivision zone.

Ms. Cutler explained that the new ordinance would allow the Commission to set taxi fare rates. Mr. O'Brien felt that a rate increase was warranted, but both sides of the story need to be considered, the consumer needs to be able to afford it. He felt a dedicated fee was needed for Kasayuli. Mr. Libby's suggestion for the Kasayuli zone fee was \$15.00 for one to two people. Mr. Hugh Short, Sr. suggested a \$10.00 fee per person. An inner airport fee was also discussed. There were concerns from some industry members that raising fares too much would shock the system and that they didn't want to push customers away. Mr. Dickens asked if anyone in the industry purchases fuel by bulk. He suggested that this might be a way to cut down some of their costs. Discussion followed on the emergency rate increase, bulk fuel, rates for in-route stops and charters.

Motion was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Blake that the Commission recommend to the City Council that they consider an increase in minimum taxi cab rates:

Airport \$6.00  
Tundra Ridge \$6.00  
Trailer Court and town \$4.00  
Kasayuli \$10.00  
Airport-to-Airport \$4.00

Discussion followed on the motion. There were concerns regarding setting minimum rates as opposed to maximum rates. The current ordinance provides for maximum rates not minimum rates. City Manager Bob Herron clarified that this recommendation would go to Council for public Hearing. He also suggested that the word "maximum" be omitted in " A." and "E." of section 5.20.020 Rates in the current BMC Vehicle for Hire Ordinance. These rates would be in effect until the new ordinance was passed and no one could under charge or over charge.

Amendment to the motion was made by Mr. Short and seconded by Mr. Mercurief and reads as follows:

The Public Safety & Transportation Commission recommends that the City Council consider an emergency increase in the Vehicle for Hire rates setting the rates as follows:

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 B.I.A and /Tundra Ridge	\$ 6.00
Fare to Kasayuli Subdivision	\$10.00
Half-Hour Fare Charter	\$25.00
Fare Airport-to-Airport	\$ 4.00
In Route Stops	\$1.00 per minute

Discussion followed on motion. Motion carried with 6 yeas and 1 nay.

City Attorney Louann Cutler gave a presentation on the proposed "Vehicle for Hire Ordinance." She explained that City Council and Administration asked to have the ordinance rewritten. Ms. Cutler said that the Anchorage ordinance was used as a model and that she also worked with Michelle Powers, Attorney at Law.

## WORK SESSION

Ms. Cutler reviewed the ordinance section by section explaining additions and changes. Discussions and questions followed and included the topics of complaint procedure, appointing a hearing officer, inspections, drug & alcohol testing, permit fees, transfer of permits, insurance requirements, chauffeur training, maximum hours per day on road per driver, dispatch services and dispatching from vehicles.

Michelle Powers presented in writing specific items she would like to see changed in the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Hastie suggested that another meeting be set to review input received and make changes to the proposed ordinance. Bob Herron told the Commission that he recommended to the Council that the Commission produce a Commission substitute so that the Council will be able to clearly see any suggested changes. Chief Petitt suggested that as the Commission goes through the ordinance that they sign off on each page and be careful not to go back and forth between pages. This will help the Commission get through the document in a more efficient manner.

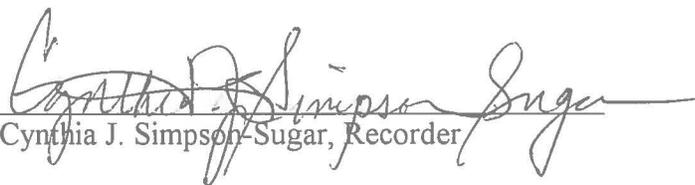
Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March, 2001

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John L. Hastie III, Chair

  
Cynthia J. Simpson-Sugar, Recorder

**Regular Meeting  
Public Safety & Transportation Commission  
Monday March 5, 2001**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Members present were John Hastie, Guy Mercurief, Hugh Short, Jr., Kevin Carter, and Tae Hwa Chung. Members absent were James Blake (excused), John Dickens (excused), Mike O'Brien and Don Poe. Ex-officio members present were Chief Robert K. Petitt and Janette Persinger. Also present by phone were City Manager Bob Herron and Attorney Louann Cutler.

**ROLL CALL**

There were no members of the community to be heard.

**PEOPLE TO BE  
HEARD**

Motion was made by Mr. Short and seconded by Mr. Mercurief to approve the minutes of 2/5/01. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES OF 2/05/01**

Motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Short to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

Chief Robert K. Petitt of the Bethel Police Department presented his report. A short discussion followed. There was not a report by the Fire Chief made available.

**CHIEF'S REPORTS**

Definitions Chauffeur, Licensee, and Permittee were clearly defined by Chief Petitt.

**VEHICLE FOR HIRE  
ORDINANCE**

Discussion followed regarding pre-employment drug testing. Drug testing will not be done before employment. However, it would be done as random testing, reasonable cause tests, post-accident tests, and post-citation test. The Permittee would pay for all costs for the testing. The Permittee is permitted to recover those costs from their employees. Under Penalties and Remedies the \$300 fine for each violation had been previously stricken. It was discussed with the City Attorney and has been added back in. Also added was the wording Fourth or Subsequent violation resulting in a revocation of license or permit. This gives the Commission the flexibility to either continue to fine an individual or take action on the fourth violation.

Under the Chauffeur Training section, the language reads that each individual company may set up their own training. The Commission must approve the training. The Company could provide the training themselves or have it provided by a third party. The Commission would decide upfront what the training program would look like.

Bob Herron suggested that there be an amendment to the ordinance that would prohibit horn honking during certain hours. The motion was made to have the hours that horn honking would be prohibited be: 9pm – 7am weekdays and 12am – 7am weekends. Motion made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Short. The motion carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Mr. Mercurief to forward Ordinance -01-02 to the City Council. It was seconded by Mr. Carter. The correction of the page numbering will be done by the City Attorney before going to council. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Mercurief motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Carter. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2 DAY OF April, 2001

  
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John L. Hastie III, Chair

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Janette M. Persinger, Recorder

**Regular Meeting  
Public Safety & Transportation Commission  
Monday April 2, 2001**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Members present were John Hastie, Kevin Carter, Tae Hwa Chung, Jim Blake, Don Poe, and John Dickens. Members absent were Mike O'Brien, Guy Mercurief, and Hugh Short, Jr. Ex-officio members present were Acting Police Chief George Dahl, Transportation Tech Andrew Steele, Cyndee Simpson-Sugar, and Janette Persinger. Also present by phone was City Attorney Louann Cutler.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Libby expressed the need to make the ordinance more user friendly. He also expressed concerns over the amount of time it would take to regulate the ordinance, point violations, trip logs, headlight use, the required first aid kit, drug screening, the additional annual inspections, and the off duty use of a cab.

**PEOPLE TO BE  
HEARD**

Mr. Mazzaro expressed concerns over the length of time a person could be gone (on vacation) before a permit would be revoked. Mr. Mazzaro was informed that there would always be a hearing before a permit could be revoked. He was informed that it would be a good idea to let the Transportation Inspector know before leaving for an extended period of time.

Motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Dickens to approve the minutes of 2/26/01. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES 2/26/01 &  
3/5/01**

Motion was made by Mr. Dickens and seconded by Mr. Carter to approve the agenda of 3/5/01. Motion carried unanimously.

The addition of Mr. Steele's recommendation of traffic signs was added to the agenda under new business. Motion was made by Mr. Blake and seconded by Mr. Dickens to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

There were no Chief's reports.

**REPORTS**

Transportation Technician Andrew Steele presented his report. The members of the Commission elected to read it through themselves. Mr. Steele has noticed an increase in customer reported complaints regarding the cab industry.

City Attorney Louann Cutler gave clarification of her memo dated March 28, 2001. There were five issues with the Vehicle for Hire Ordinance #01-02 that the City Council referred back to the Commission for further additional input.

**OLD BUSINESS  
VEHICLE FOR HIRE  
ORDINANCE**

The first issue was the limit on uninsured motorist coverage. The Council asked if the \$100,000.00 limit could be raised. After research by Ms. Cutler's office and discussion from the Commission it was decided that amount, \$100,000.00, was adequate coverage. The motion was made by Mr. Carter to accept \$100,000.00 as the limit of uninsured motorist coverage. Mr. Poe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The second issue was the trip sheet requirement. After extensive discussion it was motioned by Mr. Blake to leave the trip sheet requirement in the Ordinance. Mr. Chung seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The third issue was the requirement of the First Aid Kit. After discussion concerning liability and the appropriate supplies to be in the kit, Mr. Dickens moved to strike the requirement of the First Aid Kit. Mr. Poe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The fourth issue was the drug-testing requirement. The Council expressed an interest in having the pre-employment drug testing added back into the Ordinance; however, it was discussed by the Commission and decided that the removal of the pre-employment drug testing would stand as is. It will not be included in the Ordinance. Random and at fault testing would continue.

The fifth issue was the effective date of the Ordinance #01-02. Ordinance #01-12 gave an immediate effective date, which gave the cab industry the change of rate requested.

It was recommended by Ms. Cutler that because of the passage of #01-12 that the effective date of #01-02 be delayed to give the Commission more time to have hearings to decide if minimums and maximums need to be in place with regards to the fares. A motion was made by Mr. Carter to move the effective date of Ordinance #01-02 back sixty (60) days. Mr. Blake seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Acting Chief George Dahl volunteered to research the flow of traffic at the new post office and make recommendations regarding the traffic lanes.

City Manager Bob Herron reported that new signage would be added and changed according to the recommendations made by Transportation Technician Andrew Steele.

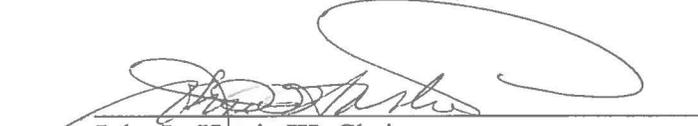
Motion was made by Mr. Carter to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Blake. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS  
TRAFFIC FLOW AT  
NEW POST OFFICE**

**TRAFFIC SIGNS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2001

  
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John L. Hastie III, Chair

  
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Janette M. Persinger, Recorder

**Regular Meeting  
Public Safety & Transportation Commission  
Monday, May 7, 2001**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commission members present were James Blake, Tae Hwa Chung, John Hastie, Guy Mercurief, and John Dickens. Mike O'Brien was unable to attend. Jerry Drake sat in as Council representation. Ex-Officio members present were Acting Chief of Police George Dahl, Taxi Technician Andrew Steele, and Janette Persinger. City Attorney Louann Cutler was also present by phone.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Steel addressed the two items in the ordinance that were incorrect. The first item was pre-employment drug testing. During last month's meeting, the Commission unanimously voted to remove the pre-employment drug-testing requirement from the ordinance. However, for an unknown reason, it was not removed. The second item was that of a dispatch service operation center. Mr. Steele discovered that this issue was never discussed at any length in any of the previous meetings.

**MR. STEELE'S  
STATEMENT**

Mr. Libby brought forth his concern regarding the amounts of insurance coverage required by the taxi industry. He presented possible costs for insurance. A lengthy discussion ensued.

**PEOPLE TO BE  
HEARD**

A motion was made to approve the amended minutes of 4/2/01 by Mr. Mercurief and seconded by Mr. Dickens. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES OF 04/02/01**

Mr. Steele added implementation of the new ordinance under old business – item c. Also added under old business – item d –set date for public hearing of new rates for taxicabs. Motion was made to approve the amended agenda by Mr. Blake and seconded by Mr. Dickens. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

Acting Chief of Police deferred to Andrew Steele to enable Andrew to present his report, which was relevant to the meeting. Commission chair John Hastie asked that the Chiefs' reports be changed to Chiefs' comments because the Chiefs' are not required to report to the Commission. Mr.

**CHIEFS' COMMENTS**

Steele presented his written report, which contained facts regarding the DMV and an incident involving a cab driver. Mr. Steele made the decision to ride with Quyana Cab during morning rush hour traffic so that he could see if the use of trip permits were feasible. Mr. Steele brought trip sheets that he had designed and deemed that the use of trip sheets is feasible.

It was confirmed by John Hastie that the Central Dispatch Center is not going to be required, trip sheets, however; are going to be required. Ms. Cutler advised that the changes needed to be changed with a motion. There will be another ordinance process to complete with regards to these issues. Discussion followed regarding the amounts of insured required. The amount of insurance required in the ordinance is higher than the required state limits.

Ms. Cutler reminded the Commission that the ordinance has been passed by the City Council and will take effect in 60 days. The Commission has 90 days to address the drug testing issues.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Blake that section 5.20.085 – the Commission may require pre-employment drug testing would remain as written. Seconded by Mr. Dickens. A roll call vote was called for 5 yeas, 1 nay.

Motion was made by Mr. Blake to strike 5.50.040 section E, central dispatch service center requirement. The central dispatch service center will not be required. Seconded by Mr. Dickens. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Blake made a motion to set the date for the Public Hearing to discuss and evaluate the taxi fare structure for May 21, 2001. Seconded by Mr. Mercurief. The motion was unanimous.

Acting Chief of Police George Dahl addressed the issue of drug testing. The City of Bethel currently uses the Bethel Family Clinic to administer drug testing. Chief Dahl presented information regarding the fees. It was recommended that the drug testing issue be brought forward at the next meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **VEHICLE FOR HIRE ORDINANCE**

Acting Chief of Police George Dahl presented a graph of the traffic flow pattern. He explained the pattern and the use of signage. There are some major concerns with regards to the traffic flow. The Department of Transportation has no immediate plan to address the issue of traffic flow. Mr. Drake provided the Commission with information that there probably would not be any changes made in funding until the 2004. Chief Dahl and James Blake will meet with LJ (DOT) and go over the traffic pattern and report back to the Commission.

**TRAFFIC FLOW AT  
NEW POST OFFICE**

Recently there has been a lot of community input by YK and the people of Bethel regarding the condition of the city roads. John Hastie felt that as a Commission that a letter of support be sent to Congressman Don Young, who is the chair. The letter will be drafted and signed at the next meeting.

**CITY ROADS**

Motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Blake and seconded by Mr. Dickens. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2001

  
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John L. Hastie III, Chair

  
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Janette M. Persinger, Recorder

**Special Meeting**  
**Public Hearing to Discuss & Evaluate Taxi Fare Structure in Bethel**  
**Ordinance #01-02**  
**Public Safety & Transportation Commission**  
**Friday, May 25, 2001**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commission members present were John Hastie, James Blake, Tae Hwa Chung, Hugh Short, Jr., and Don Poe.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Hastie explained that all members who wished to speak would have a chance to do so, however, no decision would be made this evening. All comments would be recorded and a decision would be made at the next regular meeting on June 4, 2001 and forwarded to the City Council.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Hastie recognized Mr. Medinger from LKSD. Mr. Medinger feels that it is important that organizations such as LKSD and the college, etc., be allowed to continue to negotiate contracts with the cab industry. Most of the money received by the private organizations is made available with grant money. The amount that is paid to the cab company is written into the grant itself. If the organization were to write a fixed rate into the grant, the costs would be too high. The loss of the contracts would cause a hardship on the organizations and the students that the schools serve. Mr. Medinger explained that the school purchased a "lot" of tickets up front; the tickets were then passed out to the students throughout the year. A lengthy discussion followed.

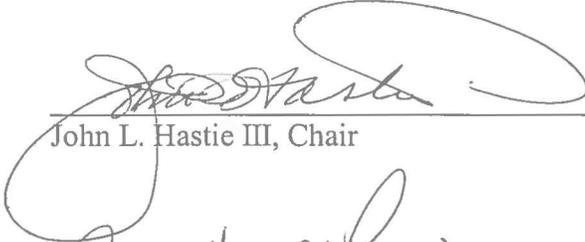
Concerns were heard from the taxi industry regarding setting a flat rate versus setting minimum and maximum rates.

Discussion ensued regarding the higher prices of operating a taxi. The taxi industry stated that they have not been able to raise the rates for the past four years.

Fares were discussed regarding setting rate for those who would like to "have the cab to themselves."

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2001

  
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John L. Hastie III, Chair

  
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Janette M. Persinger, Recorder

**Regular Meeting  
Public Safety & Transportation Commission  
Monday, June 11, 2001**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commission members present were James Blake, Tae Hwa Chung, Guy Mercurief, Hugh Short, Jr., and Don Poe. Ex-Officio members present were Acting Chief of Police George Dahl, Taxi Technician Andrew Steele, and Janette Persinger. City Attorney Louann Cutler was also present.

**ROLL CALL**

Transportation Technician Andrew Steele presented a chart regarding the possible income of the cab industry with the information that was gathered during his "rides" with the various cab companies. The purpose of this presentation was to provide the Commission with a more accurate picture of the possible income of the cab industry, so that when setting the fares the Commission would be able to make a more informed decision. A discussion followed involving various members of the cab industry.

**PEOPLE TO BE  
HEARD**

Members of the cab industry introduced the subject of tapes versus trip sheets.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 05/07/01 by Mr. Short, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Mercurief. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES OF 05/07/01**

Motion was made to approve the agenda by Mr. Blake and seconded by Mr. Poe. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

Acting Chief of Police George Dahl deferred to Andrew Steele to enable Andrew to present his report, which was relevant to the meeting. The DMV report was included in the packets along with copies of several comments that were made on the DDC regarding the cab industry. The comments were not favorable to the cab industry.

**CHIEFS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Steele proposed that the Commission empower him to send out a questionnaire to the cab industry in which the companies would give an account of their revenue and expenses. Mr. Steele also proposed that there be a sixty-day moratorium before the new rate structure would go into effect.

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Ms. Cutler explained that it is important that the industry give an account to the Commission because the cab industry is a regulated business. She further explained that the Commission does have the power to subpoena all of the information, however would prefer the industries cooperation. After lengthy discussion, it was decided that before the information was solicited from the companies the memo would be forwarded to the Commission for approval.

The motion was made to adopt the current rate structure for an additional sixty days by Mr. Short. Seconded by Mr. Mercurief. The motion carried unanimously.

Clarification of pre-employment drug testing was made. The ordinance will read: the Commission "may" require pre-employment drug testing.

Insurance requirements for eight passenger vehicles were discussed. There had been a misunderstanding that the ordinance specifically said that suburbans would be required to carry higher limits of insurance. This is untrue and the matter was resolved.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The issue of Superior Court Injunctive relief was addressed. Ms. Cutler explained that the language in which it was written is the standard language and is widely accepted.

It was suggested by Ms. Cutler that the discussion of trip sheets versus tapes be tabled until the next meeting when Chief of Police Robert Petitt would be available for comment.

Discussion ensued regarding compliance tickets and violations.

Motion for adjournment was made Mr. Poe. Seconded by Mr. Mercurief. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2001

  
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John L. Hastie III, Chair

  
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Janette M. Persinger, Recorder

**Regular Meeting  
Public Safety & Transportation Commission  
Monday, July 2, 2001**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commission members present were James Blake, Tae Hwa Chung, Guy Merculief, John Dickens, and Don Poe. Ex-Officio members present were Robert K. Petitt, Chief of Police, Taxi Technician Andrew Steele, and Janette Persinger.

**ROLL CALL**

There were no members of the public to be heard.

**PEOPLE TO BE  
HEARD**

Motion was made to approve the agenda by Mr. Dickens and seconded by Mr. Merculief. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the amended minutes of 06/11/01 by Mr. Dickens and seconded by Mr. Poe. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES OF 06/11/01**

Robert K. Petitt, Chief of Police indicated that he was glad to be back in Bethel after his training with the FBI Academy. He proposed that the Public Safety and Transportation Commission address several issues. The first issue was the subject of the upcoming public hearing on the proposed plan by the State of Alaska Department of Transportation at the request of the City Council and other community members for a reduction of the speed zone in the front of the hospital. The DOT indicated that they would like to see the speed zone reduced to 20 miles per hour between the Fish and Wildlife building and YKCC. There would be notices and signage about 500 feet before the speed zone would begin. The Police Department is proposing that the speed zone be 30 miles per hour. However, in retrospect Chief Robert K. Petitt believes that the proposed speed limits could create a false sense of security for those who would be crossing the street. At this time the DOT has not agreed upon a marked crosswalk because it would create an even further false sense of security. There has not any been discussion of a traffic light. The second issue was that of the traffic pattern at the new post office. Chief Robert K. Petitt met with the officials at the new post office and it appears that the issues have been resolved. Another issue brought forward by Chief Robert K. Petitt was that it appears that members of the community are not aware

**CHIEFS' COMMENTS**

that it is illegal to pass vehicles on the right side of the road in and around the City of Bethel. The shoulder of the road is essentially a pedestrian walkway and bike lane. It has been observed by members of the Commission that off road vehicles are in constant violation and are riding on the shoulder of the road. A discussion ensued involving the issues of registering off road vehicles and the enforcement of snowmachines driving on roadways and public safety concerns. It was recommended that additional signage be put in place to remind members of the community of the laws of the off road vehicles.

Chief Robert K. Petitt deferred to Taxi Technician Andrew Steele for the Transportation Inspectors Report. Mr. Steele presented the Transportation Report. The new taxicab marking part of the ordinance is in effect however; none of the taxicab companies have been in to have their vehicles inspected. All of the owners have been notified by mail of the requirement. Dark cabs are required to have white numbering; light colored cabs will have black numbers. Any cabs that are in between are required to come into the Police Department for adjudication. The owners themselves may supply the numbers or they may purchase them from the Police Department for \$5.00 a decal. All decals must be placed in the exact same location.

Mr. Steele went on to explain that he appeared before the City Council to explain the emergency fare schedule and the compliance rate of the taxicab companies with regards to the questionnaire sent out by Mr. Steele. At that time, only one company complied. As of the Public Safety and Transportation Meeting, only four companies had complied. After further discussion by the Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Poe and seconded Mr. Dickens to use the subpoena powers of the Commission and City Attorney to subpoena the basic information requested by the questionnaire. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Discussion ensued regarding the written and road testing proposed by Mr. Steele. A motion was made to accept Mr. Steele's testing methods by Mr. Dickens, seconded by Mr. Mercurief. The motion passed unanimously.

## **TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The issue of trip sheets was introduced to gain Chief Pettitt's opinion on the matter. A discussion ensued regarding the validity of trip versus tapes. Chief informed the Commission of a company who has the ability to record information and the software will do the translation automatically. The use of the software could be cost prohibitive. Tapes would be counter productive because of the time involved to translate and review information on the tape. It was suggested by Chief Pettitt that the discussion of trip sheets versus tapes be postponed until the next meeting to give members of the Commission more time to gather any relevant information.

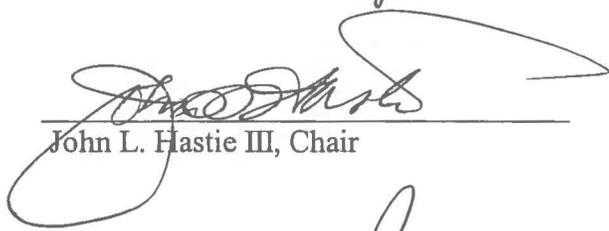
Mr. Dickens introduced a safety issued concerning the low hanging and exposed cables that are found all around the City of Bethel. The cables in question are the responsibility of GCI, however; although this has been brought to GCI's attention, there has not been any corrective action taken. A motion was made by Mr. Dickens to present these concerns to the City Council to ask the City Council to involve the City Attorney to resolve this issue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Poe. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dickens motioned that the Commission accept the Promulgation of Regulations codes that were presented by Mr. Steele. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mercurief. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickens to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Poe. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF July, 2001

  
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John L. Hastie III, Chair

  
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Janette M. Persinger, Recorder

**Regular Meeting  
Public Safety & Transportation Commission  
Monday, August 13, 2001**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commission members present were John Hastie, Don Poe, Hugh Short, Jr., Brad Kehoe, Jim Blake, Thor Williams, and Guy Mercurief. Ex-Officio members present were Robert K. Petitt, Chief of Police, Taxi Technician Andrew Steele, and Janette Persinger.

**ROLL CALL**

Several members of the community were heard. Each member brought forward the same issue: the requirement of taking the written test to receive a chauffeur's license.

**PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

A motion was made Mr. Blake to approve the agenda and seconded Mr. Poe. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the amended minutes of 07/02/01 by Mr. Blake and seconded by Mr. Poe. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 07/02/01**

Robert K. Petitt, Chief of Police, presented a memorandum, which was written by himself and Taxi Technician Andrew Steele and directed to the Public Safety & Transportation Commission. The memorandum addressed the issue of the requirement for drug & alcohol testing of taxicab drivers.

**CHIEFS' COMMENTS**

Included in each Commission member's packet was the Taxi Technician Andrew Steele's report.

Robert K. Petitt, Chief of Police, addressed the earlier issue of the required testing of taxicab drivers. In his address he explained that the interest of the Police Department and the Public Safety Transportation Commission is and continues to be public safety. The testing requirement has been written in to the ordinance since its inception. He also introduced the fact that the City is researching a proposal by the Kuskokwim Campus to provide a training program for the ordinance. A discussion ensued regarding the fact that many of the members of the taxicab industry do not have the benefit of a command of the written English language. A suggestion was

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ORDINANCE**

made to give the test verbally in the driver's native language. Mr. Williams made a motion for the Commission members of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission take the written chauffeur's examination. Mr. Short, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Robert K. Petitt, Chief of Police and Taxi Technician Andrew Steele will inform the members of the Commission of the exact location of the testing.

An issue was addressed concerning the exact placement of the numbered decals. Robert K. Petitt, Chief of Police explained that the Police Department is the regulatory body of the ordinance, therefore; the Police Department sets the standard on how the ordinance is to be interpreted.

Mr. Blake motioned to approve the testing program and attached regulations introduced earlier in the agenda by Robert K. Petitt, Chief of Police. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was debated and two amendments to the motion were made. The first amendment was the statement under number 2 - "that requires towing" was stricken. In its place was the following was added: "in excess of \$500.00". Mr. Williams motioned to accept the amended motion. Mr. Short, Jr. seconded the motion. There were 6 yeas and 1 nay. The motion to approve the testing program and attached regulations, as amended, was made by Mr. Blake and seconded by Mr. Williams. A roll call vote was called for, the motion passed with a 5-2 margin.

## **DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING**

A discussion ensued regarding whether the Commission wanted to continue to pursue the subpoena process as approved at the last Commission meeting and continue to obtain the basic information from the previously requested questionnaire. It was decided that the Commission would continue with the subpoena process. Mr. Blake made a motion to give Robert K. Petitt, Chief of Police, the authority needed to become the signatory of the subpoenas. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 -1.

## **SUBPOENA RESOLUTION**

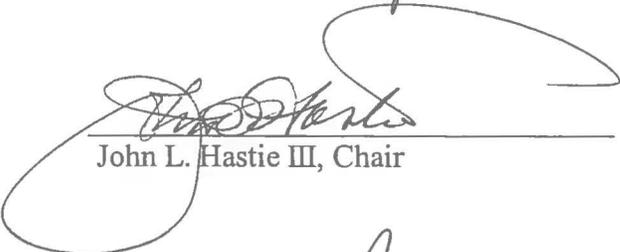
There were no items under new business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

At 8:20pm a motion was made Mr. Williams to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Blake seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2001

  
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John L. Hastie III, Chair

  
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Janelle M. Persinger, Recorder

**Regular Meeting  
Public Safety & Transportation Commission  
Monday, September 10, 2001**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commission members present were John Hastie, Hugh Short, Jr., Brad Kehoe, Tae Hwa Chung, and Guy Merculief. Ex-Officio members present were Robert K. Petitt, Chief of Police, and Janette Persinger.

**ROLL CALL**

One member of the community was heard. The member of the community had questions regarding requirements of drug testing and the times and dates of meetings.

**PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

Item number VIII was stricken from the agenda so that Mr. Steele could be present to answer any questions regarding testing procedures. Under item number IX New Business (c) was added - rescinding of subpoena order for taxicab records. A motion was made Mr. Kehoe to accept the amended agenda and seconded Mr. Short, Jr. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 08/13/01 by Mr. Kehoe and seconded by Mr. Short, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 08/13/01**

There were no comments by either the Fire Chief and Chief of Police. Included in each Commission member's packet was the Taxi Technician Andrew Steele's report.

**CHIEFS' COMMENTS**

Karl Powers from Ptarmigan Air presented information regarding the floatplane operation on H-Marker Lake. Apparently, a committee was formed by the community and went before the Planning Commission to ask that all commercial operations be shut down off of the lake. They cited the following three reasons: noise abatement, wildlife, and fuel exposure to the lake. Ptarmigan Air went to Fish and Wildlife and the FAA and obtained letters of support from them for floatplane operations off of the lake. All of entities concur that the floatplane operation is a safe operation. It was concluded that the issue is an FAA issue and the Commission does not have the authority to interfere. It was recommended, however; that signage be placed on Tundra Ridge road – Watch For Low Flying Aircraft – for

**NEW BUSINESS  
ITEM (a)  
DISCUSSION AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR FLOAT PLANE  
OPERATIONS**

vehicles coming both directions. Mr. Powers did point out that floatplane operations do bring in important tourism dollars to the Delta.

Robert K. Petitt, Chief of Police presented information regarding an individual in Bethel who would provide dispatch services to the taxicab industry. Chief Petitt asked that the issue be brought forward to the next Commission meeting so that the individual would be able to provide a presentation.

Mr. Short, Jr. proposed that the Commission should revisit the issue of subpoenaing the taxicab industry and rescind the subpoena order. An extensive discussion ensued deliberating what direction the Commission wanted to take. It was decided by the Commission that Mr. Short, Jr. could not participate in a motion or vote to rescind the subpoena order because of an active suit against the City. Mr. Short, Jr. informed the Commission that the suit was in the process of being dropped. In light of these circumstances, a quorum could not be reached to resolve the issue. A special meeting was called for on Friday, September 14, 2001 at 12:00pm at the Bethel Police Department Conference Room. A roll call vote will be taken at that time.

A member of the community asked for a clarification of the drug testing procedures. Discussion ensued regarding pre-employment drug testing. It was brought forth that there has been some confusion with the way that the ordinance reads and the way that it pertains to pre-employment drug testing. Chief Petitt stated that perhaps the language of the ordinance should be amended so as to clarify that the pre-employment drug testing will not be required for renewal of a permit, as per City Council's request it will only be required for pre-employment drug testing. The issue will be brought forward to the next meeting, as well as a second public hearing.

Mr. Mercurief motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30pm. Mr. Short, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

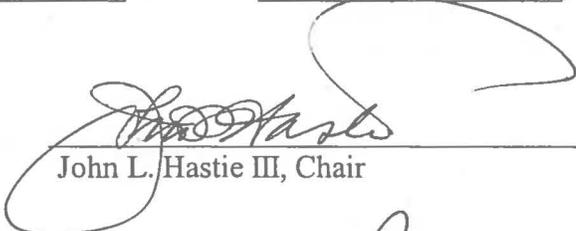
**ITEM (b)  
DISPATCH SERVICES**

**ITEM (c)  
RESCINDING THE  
SUBPOENA ORDER  
FOR TAXICAB  
RECORDS**

**PUBLIC HEARING –  
DRUG TESTING  
PROCEDURES**

**ADJOURNMENT**

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF October, 2001

  
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John L. Hastie III, Chair

  
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Janette M. Persinger, Recorder

**Special Meeting  
Public Safety & Transportation Commission  
Friday, September 14, 2001**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commission members present were John Hastie, Don Poe, Hugh Short, Jr., Brad Kehoe, and Mr. Chung. Ex-Officio members present were Robert K. Pettit, Chief of Police and Janette Persinger.

**ROLL CALL**

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Mr. Short, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Poe. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

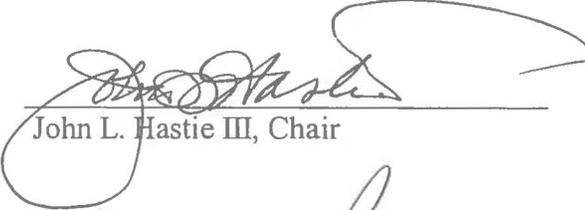
After a lengthy discussion concerning rescinding the subpoena process, a motion was made by Mr. Kehoe to rescind the current subpoena process without prejudice. Mr. Poe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

**SUBPOENA PROCESS**

A motion was made by Mr. Short, Jr. to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kehoe seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF October, 2001

  
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John L. Hastie III, Chair

  
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Janette M. Persinger, Recorder

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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. Petitt, 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 Petitt 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) <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: right;">\$ 4.00</td></tr> <tr><td>FARE TO THE HOSPITAL</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$ 4.00</td></tr> <tr><td>FARE TO THE TRAILER COURT, HANGAR LAKE, POWER PLANT</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$ 4.00</td></tr> <tr><td>FARE TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT TO ALL LOCATIONS</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$ 6.00</td></tr> <tr><td>FARE TO KASAYULI SUBDIVISION</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$10.00</td></tr> <tr><td>HALF-HOUR FARE CHARTER</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$25.00</td></tr> <tr><td>FARE AIRPORT TO AIRPORT</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$ 4.00</td></tr> <tr><td>EN ROUTE STOPS (Per Minute)</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1.00</td></tr> </table>		\$ 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
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<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

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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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November 5, 2001

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on November 5, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson John Hastie called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

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

John Hastie	Michael Cho
Jim Blake	
Tae Hwa Chung	
Brad Kehoe	

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

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

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mr. Frank Mazzaro voiced his concerns and asked that the renewal application process be simplified and stream lined.

Mr. Short, Sr. voiced his concerns over the testing procedures.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Blake	To approve the amended minutes of the regular meeting on 10/8/01.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Kehoe	

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

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Blake	To approve the regular agenda.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Kehoe	

*Under (a) of Old Business -- Vehicle For Hire Ordinance -- item 3 Testing Procedures was added.*

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

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

## TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

Robert K. Petitt, Chief of Police deferred to Taxi Technician Andrew Steele's report. In the report Mr. Steele presented information about the DMV, the current fare structure and the fact that the taxicab industry is not following the structure, and the recommendation to have fire extinguishers equipped with gauges "on board" with the taxicab.

## OLD BUSINESS

### ITEM A – Vehicle For Hire Ordinance

#### 1. Renewal Application Process

After a lengthy discussion it was decided by Chief Petitt that he would take the item under advisement and begin an investigation to see if the process should and could be simplified under regulation. Chief will do the research and report back at the next meeting in December.

#### 2. Fire Extinguishers

A discussion ensued regarding the fact that fire extinguishers should be readily accessible as well as equipped with a gauge that clearly indicates that the fire extinguisher is fully charged. It was decided by the Commission that perhaps this issue should be revisited at the next meeting so that further research may be done on the service of the extinguisher and the validity of the inspection tag as well as accuracy of the gauge.

#### 3. Testing Procedures

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Blake	To accept the testing procedures as presented to the Commission.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Kehoe	

The written test, which consists of ten questions, was presented to the Commission. To pass an applicant may miss 70% - 7 out of 10 questions. The driving test will consist of three parts – 1. Vehicle Condition, 2. General Knowledge, and 3. Road Safety. A score of thirty (30) or more points will result in failure of the test.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a roll call vote of 5-0.
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## NEW BUSINESS

### ITEM A – REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER & POLICE FACILITY

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Kehoe	To provide a letter of resolution of support for the Regional Public Safety Training Center & Police Facility.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Blake	

Chief Petitt gave an overview of the proposed Regional Public Safety Training Center & Police Facility including details concerning the partnerships and consortium that is being formed with the entities that will be involved in the project.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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### ITEM B – PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM

Information was given to the Commission regarding the Public Transit System that Council Member Carl Berger is gathering. Commission member Brad Kehoe offered to contact Mr. Berger and be the liaison between the two of them. Mr. Kehoe will report back to the Commission at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

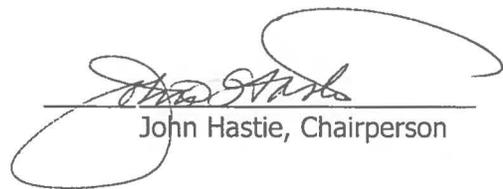
**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Chung	To adjourn the meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Blake	

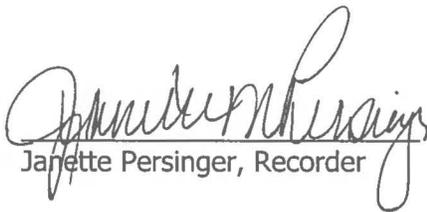
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm, November 5, 2001.

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

  
John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Janette Persinger, Recorder