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PUBLIC NOTICE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, April 4th, 2018 –6:30 p.m.
300 STATE HIGHWAY – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AGENDA

Members

Eileen Henrikson
Chair

Jared Karr
Vice Chair

Naim Shabani
Council Representative

Julene Webber

Mary Weiss

Joan Dewey

Monroe Tyler

Mary Nanuwak
Alternate

Ex-Officio Members

Burke Waldron
Interim Chief of Police

William Howell III
Fire Chief

Jesslyn McGowan
Recorder

- 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
March 7th, 2018
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Update on Transportation Planning (City Manager)
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Update on Taxi Rate Increase (Jesslyn McGowan)
 - B. Update on Phase II E911 System (Chief)
 - C. BMC Code 5.20.100(F) Review
- VIII. CHIEFS' COMMENTS
 - Fire Chief
 - Chief of Police
- IX. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR'S REPORT
- X. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMENTS
- XI. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS
- XII. ADJOURNMENT

Jesslyn McGowan

Jesslyn McGowan, Recorder
POSTED on March 28th, 2018
POST OFFICE, AC QUICKSTOP, CORINA'S CASE LOT, CITY HALL, & POLICE DEPT.
Next Public Safety and Transportation Commission Meeting will be **May 2nd, 2018.**

City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

March 7th, 2018

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on March 7, 2018 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Eileen Henrikson *Chair*
 Jared Karr *Vice Chair*
 Naim Shabani *Council Rep.*
 Mary Weiss
 Joan Dewey
 Monroe Tyler
 Mary Nanuwak *Alternate*

Absent: Julene Webber
 William Howell II *Fire Chief*

Ex-Officio Present: Burke Waldron *Chief of Police*
 Jesslyn McGowan *Recorder*

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one to be heard

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Karr	Motion to move New Business right after Approval of Minutes
SECONDED:	Dewey	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED:	Dewey	Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of February 7, 2018
SECONDED:	Weiss	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Taxi Cameras

Council Rep. Shabani gave the commission a review of this discussion on what he believes would fix the taxi camera situations that the cabs are having.

MOVED:	Karr	Motion to send a recommend to Council strike out BMC Code 5.30.100 Section F.2
SECONDED:	Weiss	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

B. BMC Codes

Chief Waldron talked about the BMC codes and how they are outdated to today's taxi industry. Recommended to put together a commission to go through the BMC codes and find changes to make to clean up and organize the codes.

MOVED:	Karr	Motion to create a committee to meet to review the Chapter 5 BMC Codes and recommend changes to the commission
SECONDED:	Dewey	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

MOVED:	Karr	Motion to amend wording in last motion and change it to two or less commission members rather than a whole committee
SECONDED:	Dewey	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tundra Ridge Re-Alignment

City Manager Pete Williams gave an update on what DOWL and DOT was wanting to do regarding the new road out to Tundra Ridge. He provided a handout showing the options of the roads. He stated nothing was set in stone yet and told everyone how they can go online to make public comments on which road they think would be best suited for Bethel. He also wanted to be put on the next agenda to give another update on this subject.

B. Transportation Planning

City Manager Pete Williams gave an update on the roads regarding Ridgcrest and also in front of the hospital. He provided handouts that are included in the packet and talked about the options they want to do with Ridgcrest and the possible three way stops. He hasn't heard of any new plans regarding the road in front of the hospital since Fall of 2016.

VIII. CHIEF’s COMMENTS

Chief Waldron – See Report in Commission Packet

Fire Chief Howell – See Report in Commission Packet

IX. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR’S REPORT

See Report in Commission Packet

X. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE’s COMMENTS

Council Rep Shabani updated the commission on three items from the council meeting that he thinks they should be aware of. The first item was congratulating the Chief of Police on his now permanent position with the police department. The second item was the courthouse will remain in its current building for the next two years and is no longer a worry about if they might lose the building or not. The last item was regarding the ordinance the commission passed to the city council. The council has changed some things on it and tabled the rest of it for the next council meeting.

XI. COMMISSION MEMBER’s COMMENTS

Jared Karr- Updated the commission about the City Council meeting he went to and spoke on behalf of the commission regarding the increase on taxi rates. He informed the commission on what the council did with the ordinance and when they’ll be talking about it again in a future council meeting.

Joan Dewey- Asked to add to the next agenda, an update with the Chiefs regarding the formal request for Phase II with GCI

Mary Weiss- No comment

Monroe Tyler- No Comment

Mary Nanuwak- Wanted clarification as to what she can and cannot do as an “alternate” member of the commission. Also asked Council Rep. Shabani questions she had regarding taxis.

Eileen Henrikson- No comment

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Weiss	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Karr	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2018.

Jesslyn McGowan, Recorder

Eileen Henrikson, Chair

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Transportation Commission
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Vote: 4-2

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance # 18-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 5.20.050(F), BETHEL PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION – RATES, TO INCREASE SOME MAXIMUM RATES CHARGED BY CAB COMPANIES AND AMENDING 5.20.160 A. TO INCREASE TAXI CAB FEES PAID TO THE CITY BY CAB COMPANIES

WHEREAS, the taxicab industry provides a valuable service to the community of Bethel 24 hours a day, seven days a week;

WHEREAS, taxicab rates have remained the same in Bethel for the last ten years—since the passage of Ordinance #07-20 on August 14, 2007;

WHEREAS, in the last ten years all expenses such as fuel, insurance, maintenance, taxes and fees have all increased while cab rates have stayed the same;

NOW, BE IT ORDAINED, the City Council amends the Bethel Municipal Code, Section 5.20.050(F), by amending the rates for taxi cab fares

SECTION 1. Classification. This is a Codified Ordinance and shall become part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Amendments. Bethel Municipal Code Section 5.20.050(F) and 5.20.160 (a), Bethel Public Safety and Transportation Commission – Rates, is amended as follows: (new language is underlined and old language is stricken):

5.20.050 Bethel Public Safety and Transportation Commission – Rates

- A. The commission:
1. Shall establish maximum rates to be charged for taxicab and river taxi service and may establish minimum rates for such services;
 2. May establish dispatch service, limousine, or bus minimum and/or maximum rates;
 3. May establish maximum lease rates between permittees and lease operators of taxicabs, including daily lease rates for taxicab chauffeurs.
- B. All rates established by the commission shall be nondiscriminatory, just and reasonable.

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- C. A statement of actual taxicab rates charged by a taxicab, other than flat or group rates established by contractual agreement between dispatch service companies and individuals or other businesses, shall be conspicuously posted on the interior and exterior of every taxicab in a manner prescribed by the transportation inspector.
- D. No person may require payment of rates other than those established by the commission pursuant to this section.
- E. No person may require payment of dispatch service rates other than those established by the commission pursuant to this section.
- F. Rates for permitted transportation area as follows:

	Old Rates	Maximum Rates Previous Fares Maximum Senior Citizen Rate	<u>Current Rates</u> Maximum Rates
Cab Fares (within the City (including Bethel Heights))	\$4.00	\$5.00 \$4.00	<u>\$5.00</u>
Fare to the Hospital	\$4.00	\$5.00 \$4.00	<u>\$5.00</u>
Fare to Trailer Court, Hangar Lake, Power Plant	\$4.00	\$5.00 \$4.00	<u>\$5.00</u>
Fare to/from the Airport (to/from all locations except Kasayulie Subdivision)	\$6.00	\$7.00 \$6.00	<u>\$8.00</u>
Fare to B.I.A. and Tundra Ridge	\$6.00	\$7.00 \$6.00	<u>\$8.00</u>
Fare to/from Kasayulie Subdivision	\$10.00	\$10.00	<u>\$12.00</u>
Fare to/from Haroldson Subdivision		\$7.00	<u>\$8.00</u>
Half-hour fare charter	\$25.00	\$30.00 \$25.00	<u>\$35.00</u>
Fare airport to airport	\$4.00	\$4.00	<u>\$5.00</u>
Senior Citizens		The old fare rates	<u>The previous fare rates</u>
En-route Stops	\$1.00 per minute	\$1.00 per stop, plus \$1.00 per minute after three minutes	<u>\$1.00 per stop, plus \$1.00 per minute after three minutes</u>

5.20.160 Fees

The following fees shall be payable to the city:

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A. ~~One hundred eighty-five dollars (\$185)~~ Two hundred dollars (\$200) monthly shall be paid to the transportation inspector for the issuance or renewal of a bus, limousine, river taxi, dispatch service, or taxicab permit no later than the tenth (10th) of each month.

B. Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) shall be paid to the transportation inspector for the initial issuances and each two- (2-) year renewal of a chauffeur's license no more than three (3) months prior to expiration date, not after one (1) month prior to expiration date.

C. Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) shall be paid to the transportation inspector for the initial issuances and each two- (2-) year renewal of a vehicle permit no more than three (3) months prior to expiration date, not after one (1) month prior to expiration date.

D. One hundred dollars (\$100) shall be paid to the city finance department for each appeal from a decision of the transportation inspector to the commission under Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC. Such fee shall be refunded if the decision is subsequently reversed. The ex officio member of the public safety and transportation commission must notify all commission members when an appeal is filed. The fee shall be forfeited if the party making the appeal fails to show for the appeal hearing.

E. Eighty-five dollars (\$85) shall be paid to the transportation inspector each time that a taxicab permittee applies to substitute a vehicle that operates under a permit.

F. One hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) shall be paid to the transportation inspector for an application to transfer an interest in a taxicab permit or a dispatch service permit in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 5.20 through 5.50 BMC.

G. There shall be a one hundred dollar (\$100) surcharge for late payment of fees provided for in subsections A, B, and C of this section.

H. Twenty-five dollars (\$25) shall be paid to the transportation inspector for administration of the examination required in BMC 5.40.020(C), except that this

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payment shall not be required the first (1st) time that an applicant for a chauffeur's license takes the examination.

I. Fifteen dollars (\$15) shall be charged for chauffeur and vehicle renewal applications which are mailed in.

J. Thirty-five dollars (\$35) shall be charged for chauffeur drug testing.

SECTION 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall become effective ninety (90) days after passage by the Bethel City Council.

ENACTED THIS 13 DAY OF MARCH 2018, BY A VOTE OF 4 IN FAVOR AND 2 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:

Richard Robb, Mayor

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance # 18-XX

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 5.30.100 (F) OF THE BETHEL MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the taxicab industry provides a valuable service to the community of Bethel 24 hours a day, seven days a week;

WHEREAS, the global positioning system was never used since put in the Bethel Municipal code

NOW, BE IT ORDAINED, the City Council amends the Bethel Municipal Code, Section 5.30.100(F), by amending the language for requiring a global positioning system.

SECTION 1. Classification. This is a Codified Ordinance and shall become part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Amendments. Bethel Municipal Code Section 5.30.100(F) is amended as follows: (new language is underlined and old language is stricken):

5.30.100 Taxicab, River Taxi, Limousine and Bus Permits- Required Equipment

~~F. Every regulated vehicle shall be equipped at all times with a video camera surveillance system and have global positioning system capability. The surveillance and GPS systems shall be capable of recording and storing the data of at least seventy two (72) hours of in-service operations. The recorded data shall be stored on board the taxicab or transmitted for storage. The stored data for the immediately preceding seventy two (72) hours of recording shall not be altered or manipulated by any person, and shall be made available for review and inspection by the transportation inspector for purposes of enforcement of Chapters [5.20](#) and [5.40](#) BMC and this chapter or by a peace officer as defined in AS [1.10.060](#) upon request. For good cause, the transportation inspector may order retention of recorded data of specific dates, trips, or incidents for up to two (2) years.~~

1. The video camera surveillance system shall have the capability to operate twenty-four (24) hours a day, record video only, and be compatible with surveillance during both daytime and nighttime. The surveillance system shall

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either have continuous operation or be activated by the opening of a door, or some other self-initiating device which does not require the specific decision or action by the chauffeur to activate the surveillance system. The system shall be capable of producing high-quality pictures for law enforcement use. The system shall have cameras facing the front and rear and positioned in a manner that provides views of the regulated vehicle interior that are visible to passerby and does not violate privacy rights. A limousine shall not have video surveillance of the passenger area designed and intended to provide privacy from the chauffeur and public view, but may have a view into that area when a privacy partition or device is open.

~~2. The global positioning system capability of any regulated vehicle shall either have continuous operation or be activated by a self-initiating device which does not require the specific decision or action by the chauffeur to activate the global positioning system. The global positioning system in taxicabs must be capable of alerting the monitoring station of emergencies. The dispatch company or a company within the municipality approved by the transportation inspector will be the monitoring station for a taxicab's global positioning system. [Ord. 15-21 § 2; Ord. 01-02 § 3.]~~

SECTION 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall become effective ninety (90) days after passage by the Bethel City Council.

ATTEST:

Richard Robb, Mayor

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

CITY OF BETHEL
POLICE DEPARTMENT



TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT: **March 2018**

2018	March
New Chauffeurs	1
Chauffeur Renewals	1
Chauffeur Transfers	0
Vehicle Permit Renewals	0
Vehicle Transfers	0
Inspections	0
Revocations	0
Temporary Permits	0

- There was no semi-annual inspection for March.
- Kusko Cab will have their semi-annual inspection in April.
- There were 2 complaints made in the month of March. One was a complaint about parking and the other was a driving complaint. All were followed up by an officer or I when available.