
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on September 6, 2023, in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 6:44 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Theresa Quiner, Farah Sears, Patrick Snow, Musa Saliu.

Excused Absence: Melanie Fredericks.

Absent: DeShan Foret, Megan Newport.

Ex-Officio Present: Daron Solesbee, Lenoard “Pete” Hicks, Damon Oscar.

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one to be heard.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Farah Sears	Motion to scratch unfinished business item A. Implement of Ordinance Pertaining to Misuse of Emergency Services (Johnathan Smith BPD)
SECONDED:	Musa Saliu	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

MOVED:	Musa Saliu	Motion to Approve the Agenda.
SECONDED:	Farah Sears	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Discussion for BPD Recruitment, retention, hiring longevity bonuses, housing and travel (Chief Hicks)

MOVED:	Patrick Snow	Motion to task ex-officio members to draft a letter of support for better retention before the next meeting.
SECONDED:	Farah Sears	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. : Ordinance on Misuse of 911 (Chief Hicks)

MOVED:	Musa Saliu	Motion to vote in favor of ordinance.
SECONDED:	Patrick Snow	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

E. : Bethel Friends of Canines contract amendment (Theresa Quiner)

MOVED:	Musa Saliu	Motion to approve 30,000 budget increase for the dog rescue for additional support.
SECONDED:	Farah Sears	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

G. : Declaring seats vacant according to BMC 2.60.030(F) 1.b and d (Theresa Quiner)

MOVED:	Musa Saliu	Motion to declare Megan Newport and DeShan Foret seats vacant according to BMC 2.60.030 (F) 1.b and d (Theresa Quiner)
SECONDED:	Farah Sears	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

VIII. EX OFFICIO REPORT

Police Chief Hicks – See Report in Commission Packet.

Fire Chief Solesbee – See Report in Commission Packet.

IX. MEMBER COMMENTS

Patrick Snow- Thank you for making it to the meeting. Thank you to the Police and Fire Chief. I appreciate all that you guys do. I am sorry that things are not working out as they ought. Hang in there, I am hoping things will get better, and we will have more participation.

Theresa Quiner- Echoing Council Rep. Snows comments. I hope we can support you to increase the pay and offer your employees better benefits. I also really hope that I can get the new Police Dog into the library for a story time, kids will love it.

Farah Sears- Differ.

Musa Saliu- I do not have anything to add.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Musa Saliu	Motion to adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED:	Farah Sears	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

APPROVED THIS 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.



Damon Oscar, Recorder



Melanie Fredericks, Chair Protemp