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**Public Safety and
Transportation
Commission Meeting
City of Bethel, Alaska
Regular Meeting
October 4, 2023**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on October 4, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska. Damon Oscar called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Commission, the following members were present:
Farah Sears, Patrick Snow, Musa Saliu, Melanie Fredericks
Members Absent:
Theresa Quiner (Excused)
Also in attendance were the following:
Police Chief Leonard "Pete" Hicks, Damon Oscar Recorder, Riona Dela Cruz PD Administrative Assistant

Main Motion: to nominate Melanie Fredericks as the Chair Protemp

Moved by:	Patrick Snow
Seconded by:	Farah Sears
In favor:	Farah Sears, Patrick Snow, Musa Saliu, Melanie Fredericks
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – Five minutes per person

Item A. - Please submit written public comments to fire@cityofbethel.net by 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Main Motion: Approval of Agenda

Moved by:	Farah Sears
Seconded by:	Patrick Snow
In favor:	Farah Sears, Patrick Snow, Musa Saliu, Melanie Fredericks
Opposed:	None

Results: | Motion Carries

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Item A. - 07-05-2023 Meeting Minutes

Item B. - 08-02-2023 Meeting Minutes

Item C. - 09-06-2023 Meeting Minutes

Main Motion: Approve all three minutes listed.

Moved by:	Farah Sears
Seconded by:	Patrick Snow
In favor:	Farah Sears, Patrick Snow, Musa Saliu, Melanie Fredericks
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Item A. - Review of the additional budget request for both the Police and Fire departments for pay increases and bonuses in order to competitively recruit and retain employees.

Main Motion: to table Item A for the regular meeting in November with full supporting documents submitted by the Ex-Officio Members.

Moved by:	Musa Saliu
Seconded by:	Patrick Snow
In favor:	Farah Sears, Patrick Snow, Musa Saliu, Melanie Fredericks
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

VIII. EX OFFICIO REPORT

Item A. - Manager's Reports 9-2023

Police Chief, Leonard "Pete" Hicks, provided an oral report.

IX. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR'S REPORT

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

Commission Member Farah Sears - Differ.

Council Representative Patrick Snow - We had elections here yesterday, we should have a couple of new Council members, which might change the dynamic just a little bit. The regular City Council Meeting will meet on 10 October. We will be holding a public hearing on an ordinance amending BMC by hearing a new section prohibiting the abuse of the 9-1-1 system. These meetings do make a difference. I really appreciate everyone's time.

Commission Memeber Musa Saliu - I do not have anything to add.

Commission Member Melanie Fredericks - I understand the busyness that happens outside of this work. Things happen that just remind you why you want to be engaged, why you want to participate. The community's faith in us being engaged by the City government and the Police Department is very important. Going forward, one of the things that really has grabbed my attention and that I've been thinking about is data and the story behind public safety in Bethel. With that being said, I may have some items that I will be bringing up in the coming meetings. Thank you.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Main Motion: Adjournment.

Moved by:	Farah Sears
Seconded by:	Musa Saliu
In favor:	Farah Sears, Patrick Snow, Musa Saliu, Melanie Fredericks
Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Carries

The meeting ended at 6:59 p.m.

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2023

Melanie Fredericks, Chair Protemp

Damon Oscar, Recorder