

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission

April 4, 2007 @ 10:00 am
100 North Tucker Boulevard, Auditorium

Members present: Commissioners Banahan, Bennett, Hamilton, Haile, McNutt, Reeves, and Rudawsky.

Members absent: Commissioners Satz. (*One seat on the Commission remains vacant.*)

MTC staff: Deering, Hinton, Hammond, Scherer, and Tully.

Legal Department: Counselor McCarthy

Chairman Hamilton called the meeting to order at 10:23 AM.

MINUTES

Chairman Hamilton requested approval for the meeting minutes of February 29, 2008. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. McNutt and seconded by Mr. Reeves. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commissioners scheduled the next Commission meeting for May 23, 2008 at 9:00 AM at 100 North Tucker Boulevard in the Auditorium, pending the availability of the facility. (*Due to unavailability of the facility on May 23, the meeting was rescheduled for May 22, 2008 at 10am.*)

Chairman Hamilton proposed the idea of a legislative day trip to Jefferson City. The date of April 29th was chosen. Director Tully will coordinate the logistics.

OLD BUSINESS

The Commission discussed an addition to the Vehicle for Hire Code regarding the definitions. Discussion was held and a minor change to wording was made. Mr. Reeves motioned to approve the amended text and it was seconded by Mr. Hamilton. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion ensued with regard to the Mundy Report. Chairman Hamilton proposed the Commission meet in Executive Session with Dr. Mundy to address Commissioner's questions. Dr. Mundy can then prepare a final draft to present to the Commission.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Tully presented the statistics for the past month. Per Chairman Hamilton, the Director read off the statistics and focused on the NEMT class. There were 45 new applicants, 268 renewals, \$2000 in late fees, \$25,000 in airport access fees. Inspections included four airport taxis, 17 on on-calls, 7 shuttles, and one premium sedan. Currently, there are 50 NEMT vehicles licensed. Discussion ensued regarding the NEMT Class. Chairman Hamilton pressed Mr. McCarthy to issue letters to entities utilizing NEMT services by April 15th.

Director Tully informed the Commission about the enforcement details. Agents worked with St. Louis Police at the Scottrade events. Those events included NCAA basketball and wrestling. Agents worked both St. Patrick's Day Parades, downtown and Dogtown. Two surveillances were conducted with regard to illegal sedan operators. New Airport access cards were issued to all current card holders to replace the old cards. Airport Taxicab annual renewals are underway and will be completed by April 30.

Some discussion ensued about various topics.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Reeves presented the completed 2007 Fiscal Year Audit. He summarized that the audit was very clean and there were no major issues. In addition, management letters were included. None of the management letters cited items as being abnormal or unacceptable.

Mr. Reeves continued his report with the February numbers. The Commission is maintaining a decent cash position and shows about \$7,000 ahead of budget. There are some expenses that have not been paid, so he predicted that will bring us back in line. He expects to be a little below budget after the March.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joshua Osho, representing Airport Taxi Company, addressed the Commission. He raised concern about the price of gasoline. Chairman Hamilton had the Director review the current policy.

Mr. Banahan motioned to amend the previous policy promulgated by the Director (September 2005) be amended to state seven (7) days rather than thirty (30) days. The changes are effective immediately. Chairman Hamilton seconded the motion and asked the industry members, Mr. Rudawsky and Mr. McNutt, to abstain. Mr. McCarthy will document the changes officially and have them added to the rules promulgated (*ref. R501.8*). A roll-call vote was held. Yeas: Mr. Banahan, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Hamilton, and Mr. Reeves. Nays: None. Abstentions: Mr. Haile, Mr. McNutt, and Mr. Rudawsky. The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, Chairman Hamilton entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mr. McNutt. The Chairman called a vote and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

*The meeting recording was transcribed by A. Hammond.
Minutes were interpreted from the transcript by D. Barker.*