

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission

December 20, 2012 @ 10:00 am
Commission Headquarters, 2628 Delmar, Hearings Room

Members present: Commissioners: Hamilton, McNutt, Reeves, Rudawsky, Satz, Tucci, and Asfaw
Members absent: Commissioners: Bennett, and Gidey
Legal Department: Tom McCarthy

MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hamilton and the roll was called by Beth Dunham; Chairman Hamilton-here, Commissioner McNutt-here, Reeves-here, Bennett-absent, Gidey-absent, Rudawsky-here, Satz-here, Tucci-here, and Asfaw-here. A quorum being found the meeting was called to order. The first order of business was approving the minutes from the November 27, 2012 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chairman Hamilton, moved by Commissioner Tucci and seconded by Commissioner Rudawsky. With no further discussion roll was called; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, and Asfaw-yes, and the minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The first order of new business was setting a date for the January meeting, which will be January 31, 2013 at 10:00a.m.

The last order of business was Code Revision Chapter 1 – Definitions.

CHAPTER 1 – Definitions

101 Definitions

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21. Courtesy Vehicle: shall mean any motor vehicle used by a hotel or commercial business for transportation of its customers or patrons on the streets of the city or county for no charge including, but not limited to, hotel shuttle vehicles.

Is hereby amended to read:

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21. Courtesy Vehicle or Promotional Vehicle: shall mean any motor vehicle used by a hotel or commercial business for transportation of its customers or patrons on the streets of the city or county for no charge **which may or may not display promotional advertising** including, but

not limited to, hotel shuttle vehicles. **For the Purposes of the VHC references to Courtesy Vehicles shall include Promotional Vehicles.**

Chairman Hamilton made a motion to accept the recommendation by the Director to modify the Code Revision for Chapter 1 - Definitions 101 Definition 21. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rudawsky. With no further discussion roll was called; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, and Asfaw-yes, and the Code Revision for Chapter 1 was approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director first discussed the CORO Fellow in Public Affairs FOCUS St. Louis completed by Rachel Stern on the changing relationship between social media business and taxi regulations. The Director explained the project focused on social media and the taxi business, and surveys provided in the packets were completed on this changing relationship with social media and the taxi business these days.

The Director also discussed the proposed budget for 2013 he explained that the detailed information for the budget was in the packets provided. The Director also explained that as of now the budget shows the Commission in the negative for 2013, but with limited resources it would not be wise to cut back on staff.

Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the budget as presented for 2013, seconded by Commissioner McNutt. Roll was called; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, and Asfaw-yes, the proposed budget for 2013 was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Reeves discussed the treasurer's report as of year to date showing a positive \$68,000, but explained that number will come down as legal bills and other expenses come at the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss at the December 20, 2012 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fred Sweets addressed the Commission in regards to Taxi Starters at the airport. Mr. Sweets stated he would like to see an MTC Agent at the airport to help and greet visitors coming into St. Louis Lambert Airport, and also to enforce the Code. A short discussion occurred with the Commissioners and other people in the audience on a way to make a first great impression on people arriving at St. Louis Lambert Airport visiting St. Louis.

Lieutenant Tom Heitert introduced his self to the Commission; he explained that he is now in charge of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement at the airport.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Hamilton made a motion that the Commissioners enter into Executive Session under section 610.021(1) RSMo to discuss legal, confidential, or privileged matters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reeves and roll was called; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-

yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, and Asfaw-yes, the motion was approved, and the Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 10:55a.m.

Pursuant to Missouri Statute 620.021, an Executive Session may be held to discuss legal, confidential or privileged matters under §610.021(1), RSMo 1988 Supp.; leasing, purchase or sale of real estate under §610.021(2); personnel actions under §610.021(3); discussions regarding negotiations with employee groups under §610.021(9); personnel records or applications under §610.021(13); or records under §610.021(14) which are otherwise protected from disclosure by law; or confidential or privileged communications with the District's auditor, including auditor work products under §610.021(17).

ADJOURNMENT

The Commissioners reconvened the meeting at 11:41a.m. With no further discussion on the agenda Chairman Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the December 20, 2012 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Satz roll was called; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, and Asfaw-yes, and the meeting adjourned at 11:44a.m.

Minutes were interpreted from an audio recording of the meeting by Beth Dunham.

Upon a motion being made by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by
Commissioner McNulty, the Metropolitan Taxicab Commission orders as
follows:

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So ordered this 20th day of December 2012.

Attest:

_____ Louis P. Hamilton, Chairman