

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission
March 21, 2023 @ 10:00 am
Commission Headquarters, 2628 Delmar, Via Zoom

Members present: Chairman: McNutt, Commissioners Satz, Asfaw, Osho, Rudawsky, Vianello

Legal Department: Charles Billings

AGENDA & MINUTES

- The Meeting was called to order by Chairman McNutt at 10:05 AM and the roll was called: Commissioner Satz-present, Commissioner Asfaw-present, Commissioner Osho-Present, Commissioner Rudawsky-Present, Commissioner Vianello-present and Chairman McNutt – present. A quorum being found the meeting began.
- Chairman McNutt moved to approve the March 21, 2023, agenda. The motion second by Commissioner Asfaw, previous roll was used, and the agenda was approved.
- Following the approval of the agenda, Chairmen McNutt called to approve the February 22, 2023, Minutes Commissioner Satz moved to adopt the February 22, 2023, minutes and Commissioner Vianello second the move. roll was called Commissioner Satz-yes, Commissioner Asfaw-yes, Commissioner Osho-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Commissioner Vianello-yes, and Chairman McNutt-yes and the minutes were adopted.
- The next meeting was scheduled for April 12, 2023, at 10 AM via Zoom.

NEW BUSINESS

- Approve the sale of St. Louis Airport taxi spot 19 from A. Amin to S. Binabri:

Chairman McNutt moved to approve the sale and Commissioner Rudawsky second the motion roll was called: Commissioner Satz-yes, Commissioner Asfaw-yes, Commissioner Osho-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Commissioner Vianello-yes, and Chairman McNutt-yes and the sale was approved.

- Discuss the 2010 and 2011 Taxi's:

Director Klein said that after discussion they would extend the 2010 taxis to September 30, 2023, to give the drivers a little more time to obtain newer vehicles. He also stated that the 2011 vehicles would be more difficult due to there are many more in service out there. He said that the drivers are putting seat covers over the seats. He also stated that there would be nothing worse than the public being in a vehicle and it breaks down or catching on fire. Commission Rudawsky stated he feels the Director is being very fair and giving the 2010 taxis almost another year in service. Commissioner Vianello asked if 2011 would phase out this year. The director said no. Commissioner Satz said that there are many taxis out there looking rough. He also stated that the used cars are getting hard to find however the taxi industry needs to be a little nicer vehicles. Commissioner Asfaw asked if the engines have been replaced if they could be extended. The director said no. He also explained that there is only so much time in a year and the commission has to inspect Airport taxis, On call taxis, Airport shuttles and Premium sedans. He said

September 30, 2023, would be the end of the life of the 2010 vehicles. Commissioner Osho asked if the could be extended until December of this year, the director said the commissioners vote on that not me. Chairman McNutt said he thinks the director was more than accommodating on the 2010 vehicles due to the fact they should have already been out of service. Commissioner Asfaw asked if there were any legal issues on this matter Legal answered no. Commissioner Rudawsky stated we all know how the industry got here due to covid and it is trying to slowly come back and there was no way we could leave it like it is we need to get back into the scope of the Code. He also stated he feels the director is being very generous leaving the vehicles in until September. Chairman McNutt said that the Director is the one that sees all the vehicles and he feels his compromise is more than fair. Commissioner Rudawsky said that he is having a hard time justifying leaving the 2010 in service even longer. Commissioner Osho asked when 2011 will go out of service. The Director said they were supposed to go out this year however he was giving them a one-year extension.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no need for an Executive session and no more on the agenda, Commissioner Osho moved to end the meeting at 10:34 AM Commissioner Vianello second the move roll was called- Commissioner Satz-yes, Commissioner Asfaw-yes, Commissioner Osho-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Commissioner Vianello-yes, and Chairman McNutt-yes and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes were interpreted from an audio recording of the meeting by Sandy Page

