

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission

October 24, 2008 @ 9:00 am
100 North Tucker Boulevard, Auditorium

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

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

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

Legal Department: Counselor McCarthy

Chairman Hamilton called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM.

MINUTES

Chairman Hamilton motioned for approval of the September 25, 2008 Meeting minutes which included the minutes of the Executive Session in the same meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rudawsky. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commissioners scheduled the next Commission meeting for November 19, 2008 at 9:00 AM at 100 North Tucker Boulevard in the Auditorium, pending the availability of the facility.

Chairman Hamilton motioned to grant the authority of the Commission to the Mr. Reeves to negotiate and execute an agreement on behalf of the full Commission and the Honorable Ronnie White to serve as our independent hearing officer. The final contract shall be ratified by the full Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. McNutt. It passed unanimously.

A discussion ensued regarding the Draft of Dr. Mundy's Transportation Report. The report is still in draft form and has not been formally adopted or endorsed by the Commission.

Chairman Hamilton stated for the record that County Executive Dooley has appointed him as the Chairman for a term of three years, thus continuing his tenure from Mayor Slay's previous three year appointment.

The definition of Vintage Premium Sedan was brought up for discussion. A proposed definition and addition to the special requirements was presented by the staff. Discussion ensued. During the course of the discussion, an addition to the definition of Pre-Arranged was proposed. A motion was made by Chairman Hamilton to adopt the definition of Vintage Premium Sedan, the addition to the definition of Prearranged, and the addition of a provision for Vintage Premium Sedans under Section 603. The motion was seconded by Mr. McNutt. The motion passed unanimously. The new additions are effective in 5 days. (See Appendix A)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Tully reported that the statistics for the months of August and September were very normal. He reported that annual renewal of the courtesy class and non-emergency medical transport class were completed. The premium sedan class will be finished at the end of October.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Reeves reviewed the numbers with the Commission. Focusing on the September numbers, he reported that September shows a loss of \$11,500. This is about \$7000 worse than budgeted, but the year-to-date positive income of \$78,711.93 is actually \$65,000 over budget. Mr. Reeves feels the Commission is tracking well with the budget. A short discussion followed, clarifying details to the commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alan Statler, addressed the Commission. He updated the commission on the purchase of Primo Sedan. A letter was presented and given to the Director for review.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, Chairman Hamilton motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. McNutt. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:57 AM.

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

Appendix A

The following text was adopted and amended to the MTC Vehicle for Hire Code during the October 24, 2008 Commission Meeting.

Under the “**Definitions**” section, the following definitions were added or amended:

Prearranged: shall mean that the transportation has been arranged or reserved via telephone, facsimile or computer before the Vehicle for Hire is dispatched to render the transportation service or any service ancillary to the transportation such as loading baggage. It shall have been arranged in advance, not less than ninety (90) minutes prior to the initiation of service.

Vintage Premium Sedan: shall mean any motor vehicle that complies with the definition of a Premium Sedan, has a model year greater than twenty (20) years old, is an authentic model and not a “kit car” or replica, has a minimum seating capacity of three (3) passengers including the driver, and is exceptionally maintained in both appearance and physical condition.

Under “**§603 Special Requirements for Premium Sedans,**” the following section was added:

8. Vintage Premium Sedans shall meet the qualifications set forth in the definition. An application for vintage status must be made on an individual vehicle basis to the Director and granting of vintage status shall be at the sole discretion of the Director. Vintage Premium Sedans are exempt from the in-service and aging requirements of this section.