

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission

**Friday, October 21st, 2005 @ 1:00 pm
100 North Tucker**

Members Present: Chairman Hamilton, Commissioners Bennett, Harris, McNutt, Reeves, Rudawsky, Satz, and Shiferaw

MTC Staff: Barker, Boutte, Hinton, Scherer, Tully

Legal Department: Counselor McCarthy

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by Chairman Hamilton.

MINUTES

Approval was requested for the minutes of the September 30, 2005 Metropolitan Taxicab Commission meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mr. Rudawsky, seconded by Mr. Satz. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commissioners scheduled the next Commission meeting for Friday, November 18, 2005 at 1:00 PM at 100 N. Tucker in the auditorium.

OLD BUSINESS

Director Tully updated the Commission on the license plate issue. Currently, The Department of Revenue is considering making the MTC its own fee office for regulated vehicles.

Counsel McCarthy outlined proposed Code changes forwarded to the Commission.

Flat rate issue- discussed and placed on the agenda for the November meeting.

Motion made to codify certain housekeeping issues introduced at the September meeting.

Motion made to adopt by Mr. Rudawsky and seconded by Mr. Reeves. Passed unanimously.

Discussion held regarding continuation of the moratorium.

Discussion was held with regard to licensing non-emergency, para-transit vehicles and operators.

Approval of transfer from Lillian Micelli, owner of Airway Cab to a corporation known as Airway Charter. Motion made to approve the transfer made by Mr. Satz, seconded by Mr. Rudawsky, motion approved unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Tully reported 27 new applicants, 20 renewals and collection of \$345.00 in late fees.

MTC agents issued 29 citations and red-tagged 10 vehicles. Airport authorities issued 19 citations. This is due to our staff's ability to focus from regulatory to enforcement.

We are continuing to conduct bi-monthly sessions of Taxi Court and had a number of appeal hearings, with the Hearing Officer presiding.

A radar detector investigation took place at the airport. The staff inspected 140 vehicles at both terminals, the wall, and the back forty. None were discovered.

For last month, the airport collection fee was 100% successful. No enforcement efforts were required.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Joseph McWorthy of Archway voiced opposition to the Commission lowering the extra passenger fee from \$2.00 to \$1.00.

Mr. James Martin, an attorney representing a number of drivers wants the Commission to study his challenge that the MTC has no authority to levy fines or administrative penalties.

Wendi Adams, Archway, objected to the lowering of the extra passenger fee.

John Beal, ABC Cab, inquired about buying a partial number of permits from an existing company.

Robert Apollo, Auto Livery cab, expressed concern over the lack of Taxi stands at major events with a focus on sporting venues.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session made by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Satz.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session held with all members present. Legal and personnel issues discussed.

RECONVENED

Commission Meeting reconvened at 2:35 PM after completion of the Executive Session. Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Satz, seconded by Mr. Reeves.

Meeting adjourned until November 18, 2005 meeting.

The meeting was recorded and transcribed by A. Hammond. Minutes were interpreted from the transcript by MTC Staff.