

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission

September 26, 2007 @ 10:00 am
100 North Tucker Boulevard, Auditorium

Members present: Commissioners Banahan, Bennett, McNutt, Reeves, Rudawsky, and Satz
Members absent: Commissioners Hamilton and Haile. (*One seat on the Commission remains vacant.*)
MTC staff: Barker, Hinton, Hammond, and Tully.
Legal Department: Counselor McCarthy

In Chairman Hamilton's absence, Vice-Chairman Reeves chaired the meeting. Chairman Reeves called the meeting to order at 10:16 AM.

MINUTES

Chairman Reeves requested approval for the Metropolitan Taxicab Commission meeting minutes of August 14, 2007. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Rudawsky. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commissioners scheduled the next Commission meeting for October 24, 2007 at 10:00 AM at 100 North Tucker Boulevard in the Auditorium, pending the availability of the facility. *Due to unavailability of the facility, the meeting was later changed to October 31, 2007 at 10am.*

The Director then made a presentation on behalf of the Commission. The Commission recognized taxi driver, Belete Mekuria, with a certificate of recognition for aiding in the return of a passengers purse. He was also given a gift by the passenger.

OLD BUSINESS

The Director reported on the Commission's old business. Director Tully provided an update on Dr. Mundy's transportation study. He is currently surveying industry members. Dr. Mundy will give a presentation on the study's progress at the next month's meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director began by pointing out the statistics in the Commissioner's packets. The courtesy vehicle class inspections are complete. Premium Sedan renewals will be complete by October 31.

An investigation of illegal sedans staging in Town and Country was completed at Mr. Satz's request. It was found that the company in question was legitimately staging in the parking lot at the location of their business office.

Two sessions of Taxi Court were held. On August 17th, 38 cases were heard and September 17th, 37 cases. The drivers that failed to appear at previous hearings were suspended and have subsequently been reinstated.

The Circuit Court Grand Jury returned an indictment for the owner of Wilson Cab Company as a result of our investigation.

The Director reported that both he and the Chairman attended the International Association of Transportation Regulators convention in Atlanta.

Commissioner Bennett posed questions about the enforcement plan and sting operations. Director Tully and Mr. McCarthy attempted to answer them without revealing too many details in an open forum. Discussion ensued.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Vice Chairman Reeves reported on the Commission's finances. The net income for August was \$33,181. This puts the Commission about \$28,000 below budget for the month. Mr. Reeves pointed out that we are close to hitting the break even point for year to date -- about \$60,000 below what was originally budgeted. He has no concerns at this point. The commission maintains a liquidity position of cash and accounts receivable in excess of \$250,000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McNutt motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing legal, confidential, and privileged matters. Mr. Satz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The public session concluded at 10:31 am. Chairman Hamilton arrived at 10:39 and attended the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:31 am, the Commission reconvened to close the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rudawsky, and seconded by Mr. McNutt. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:32AM.

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