

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission

**January 22, 2007 @ 1:30 pm
100 North Tucker Boulevard, Auditorium**

Members present: Commissioners Banahan, Bennett, Hamilton, McNutt, Rudawsky, and Satz

Members absent: Commissioners Haile and Reeves. (*One seat on the Commission remains vacant.*)

MTC staff: Barker, Hinton, Hammond, and Tully.

Legal Department: Counselor McCarthy

Chairman Hamilton called the meeting to order at 1:44 PM.

MINUTES

Chairman Hamilton requested approval for the meeting minutes of December 19, 2007. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. McNutt and seconded by Mr. Bennett. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commissioners scheduled the next Commission meeting for February 29, 2007 at 10:30 AM at 100 North Tucker Boulevard in the Auditorium, pending the availability of the facility.

Chairman Hamilton requested motions to approve contracts. The first contract was for the services of Nichols, Ziemann, Ahmed, and Company PC to conduct our annual audit. The contract has been reviewed by Treasurer Reeves and recommends approval. The second contract is for John Bardgett and Associates as the Commission's state affairs representative. Mr. Banahan made the motion to approve both contracts. Mr. McNutt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business on the agenda.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report due to absence of the Treasurer. Spreadsheets were provided to the Commissioners. Mr. Reeves had advised the Chairman that all was as it should be and the annual budget will be up for approval at the next meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The monthly statistics were in the Commissioner's packets. Director Tully provided an update on the docket from December. Discussion ensued about frequency of court dates, failure to appear procedures, notices to companies/drivers, and assessing court costs.

Director Tully informed the Commission about special enforcement efforts. Rams games were all covered and special details were dispatched to Tilles Park to ensure compliance by the horse carriages. The grand opening of Lumiere Place was covered as well as patrol on New Year's Eve.

He then reported on the progress of the absorption of the NEMT class. The major contractors were contacted and lists of providers were obtained. The companies were subsequently notified of their pending regulation by the Commission. Chairman Hamilton requested the Director to contact the companies to give an estimate of the numbers of vehicles to be licensed. He also requested that all correspondence of this nature be sent via certified mail. Mr. McNutt asked the Director to re-send all the letters out again via certified mail with return receipt and include the application for CCN. Mr. Hamilton and Mr. McNutt both suggested including a follow up letter with a drop-dead date for compliance. Chairman Hamilton suggested a letter be sent to the general counsel's of all the insurance and healthcare providers to notify them that the NEMT providers are subject to licensing and regulation by the MTC.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public requested to make a comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no further public business, Chairman Hamilton motioned to adjourn the public session to an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. McNutt. The motion passed unanimously. The Commissioners adjourned to the Executive Session at 2:09 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commissioners returned from Executive Session at 2:25 PM. Chairman Hamilton entertained a motion to adjourn by Mr. McNutt, and seconded by Mr. Rudawsky. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 PM.

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