

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission

May 22, 2008 @ 10:00 am
100 North Tucker Boulevard, Auditorium

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

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

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

Legal Department: Counselor McCarthy

In Chairman Hamilton's absence, Vice-Chairman Reeves chaired the meeting. Mr. Reeves called the meeting to order at 10:11 AM.

MINUTES

Mr. Reeves requested approval for the meeting minutes of April 4, 2008. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Rudawsky and seconded by Mr. McNutt. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commissioners scheduled the next Commission meeting for July 10, 2008 at 10:00 AM at 100 North Tucker Boulevard in the Auditorium, pending the availability of the facility.

Mr. Rudawsky discussed the need for minimum requirements for driver training. A short discussion ensued. The commissioners suggested a number of organizations to consult with on the matter. Mr. Reeves asked the Director to report back his findings at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

With no actionable old business, Mr. McCarthy followed up on a few items. He discussed the letter that went to healthcare providers and schools that explained the regulation of the NEMT class.

Mr. Rudawsky inquired about the Mundy report. Director Tully advised that he is currently attempting to schedule a time for the Commission to meet with Dr. Mundy to review comments and refine the draft of the report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Tully presented the statistics for the past month. Inspections included 184 airport taxi renewals, 14 on on-calls, six courtesy vehicles, nine airport shuttles, and five premium sedans. Currently, there are about 60 NEMT vehicles licensed under 11 companies.

Director Tully informed the Commission about the enforcement details. 21 summonses were issued since the last meeting. A hearing for June has not of yet been scheduled.

Director Tully reported on the legislative trip to Jefferson City with Commissioners Hamilton, McNutt, Banahan and Counselor McCarthy. The trip was very productive and positive. The two bills that would seriously impact the Commission's operations did not advance beyond a second reading. A strategy session is scheduled for the end of summer to plan for the 2009 legislative session.

Director Tully asked the Commissioners to have their photos taken for their new ID cards, which will now be produced in-house.

Letters were sent to the carriage companies regulated by the MTC to order compliance with Missouri state statutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Reeves reviewed the April numbers. He pointed out the strong cash balance of \$241,077 and that the numbers show the Commission to be \$53,900 over budget for the first four months. He explained that this is an aberration because some bills that were not paid until May. The year-to-date budget reflects a \$60,000 loss at this time of year. The Commission is actually reflecting a year-to-date loss of 5478.00. The April numbers were not as clean as he would like, but he believed the May numbers should show the Commission more in line with the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of discussing legal matters and personnel issues was made by Mr. Banahan, seconded by Mr. Rudawsky. The motion passed unanimously. The Commission recessed into an Executive Session at 10:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission reconvened from the Executive Session at 10:59 am. With no additional business, Mr. Reeves entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mr. Banahan and was seconded by Mr. Rudawsky. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

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