

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission

**August 12, 2008 @ 9:00 am
100 North Tucker Boulevard, Auditorium**

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

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

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

Legal Department: Counselor McCarthy

Chairman Hamilton called the meeting to order at 9:18 AM.

MINUTES

Chairman Hamilton requested approval for the meeting minutes of July 10, 2008. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Reeves and seconded by Mr. McNutt. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commissioners scheduled the next Commission meeting for September 25, 2008 at 10:00 AM at 100 North Tucker Boulevard in the Auditorium, pending the availability of the facility.

Mr. McCarthy presented a draft of rules promulgated codify existing procedures regarding the appeals process. The draft was presented to the Commission for approval at the September meeting.

The Director reported his new internal policy for notification to companies of expiring driver's licenses. A short discussion ensued.

Mr. McCarthy presented the proposed Code and Rules Promulgated additions regarding the Carriage industry. Some discussion ensued regarding the justification for codification and concern for the animals. The additions will be presented for adoption at the September meeting.

Mr. Satz relayed his experiences at the Cincinnati and Newark airports regarding the taxicab starters and credit card kiosks. A short discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. McCarthy reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming Appeal Hearing before the Commission. A short discussion regarding attendance ensued.

Mr. McCarthy summarized his report regarding the MoDOT issue and dual licensing. He reviewed the letters that were sent by the Commission to C.C.N. holders. Discussion ensued.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Tully pointed out the monthly statistics in the Commissioner's packets. Renewal of the Courtesy Vehicle class is underway. NEMT vehicles will be renewed in September with Premium Sedan renewals in October. Inspections were intensified in order to satisfy the VICC contract in preparation for the start of the school year. 38 vehicles were inspected between Friday and Sunday prior to this meeting.

Special enforcement details have been tasked to Laclede's Landing between 6pm and 2am to aid with vehicle for hire staging, at the request of the 4th District.

The Director has been participating in several CVC committees including the culture training program and the Heroes in Hospitality program. The Director has also been in meetings with Lambert airport to resolve such issues as illegal soliciting by sedan drivers. Commissioners will be required to go to the Airport and submit thumb prints for new ID cards.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Reeves reviewed the July numbers. He pointed out both the strong cash position and receivables. Per the income statement, July indicated a net income of \$3636, bringing the year-to-date to a positive \$27,286. This reflects 7 months into the year and a \$51,800 over budget. A loss was projected at this time, but has been prevented by to strong revenues and internal expense controls.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Nagel representing Silver Star Transportation addressed the Commission. He asked if the Commission had any intention or timeframe with regards to lifting the Premium Sedan moratorium.

Mike Watts, Operations Manager, representing Best Transportation addressed the Commission. He also inquired about the status of the Premium Sedan moratorium.

A lengthy discussion between the Commissioners ensued. Additional questions were asked of both speakers. Chairman Hamilton motioned for a 30 day window for expansion of existing fleets with a maximum of 50% growth and C.C.N.s will be granted based on the company's record of operation. Mr. Satz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Hamilton instructed Director Tully to compile a report of Premium Sedan C.C.N. holders indicating their records of operations and violations. He is to meet with Mr. Banahan to determine the parameters to be used for granting or denying C.C.N.s. The Director is then to present a recommendation to the Commission how to handle the violations. The discussion regarding new Premium Sedan companies was tabled until the September meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, Chairman Hamilton motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Satz. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM.

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