

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission

February 23, 2012 @ 9:00 am
Commission Headquarters, 2628 Delmar, Hearings Room

Members present: Commissioners: McNutt, Reeves, Bennett, Rudawsky, Satz, Tucci, and Asfaw

Members absent: Commissioners: Hamilton, Gidey

Legal Department: Tom McCarthy

MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Reeves and the roll was called by Beth Dunham; Commissioner McNutt-here, Reeves-here, Bennett-here, Rudawsky-here, Satz-here, Tucci-here, and Asfaw-here. The first order of business was approving the minutes from the January 31, 2012 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Tucci, seconded by Bennett, and with no further discussion roll was called; Commissioner McNutt-I, Reeves-I, Bennett-I, Rudawsky-I, Satz-I, Tucci-I, and Asfaw-I. The next order of business was setting the date for the March meeting, which will be March 29, 2012 at 9:00a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

The Director made an introduction to the Metropolitan Taxicab Commission's new Deputy Director Robert Oldani. The hiring of the Deputy Director to the MTC took effect on Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

Commissioner Reeves also wanted to thank Stephen Gregali from Mayor Francis Slay's office for his attendance at the meeting.

The next order of new business was the Washington University Police Department Summonses. The Director started by introducing Chief Don Strom from the Washington University Police Department. The Director explains that Chief Strom made a request to the Taxi Commission that would allow his police officers to be authorized to issue MTC Summons for administration violations under the Vehicle for Hire Code. Chief Strom addressed the Commission and explained the high volume of taxicabs on the Washington University Campus. He believes that by developing a close partnership with the Commission, providing his staff with the authority to issue MTC Summons, it will only benefit the MTC by helping taxicab drivers comply with the Vehicle for Hire Code on the Washington University Campus.

Rose Harmon had a question regarding why an MTC Agent could not be over at Washington University to make sure cab drivers were complying with the Vehicle for Hire Code. It was explained to her by legal counsel that having the Washington University Police Staff authorized to issue MTC Summons, it saves the cab companies from dealing with the Wash U legal process and supplies more manpower for the Commission.

Commissioner Tucci made a motion that the MTC from time to time may authorize other governmental organizations or private entities to act as enforcement officers for the enforcement of the Vehicle for Hire Code. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McNutt and with no further discussion roll was called; Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, and Asfaw-yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tucci for the Washington University Police Department to act as enforcement agents to enforce the Vehicle for Hire Code. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McNutt and with no further discussion roll was called; Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, and Asfaw-yes.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The first item on the Directors agenda was the 2011 audit. The Director explains that the audit is going to begin next week, information has been provided to the auditor, and it has been authorized by County Executive Dooley and Mayor Slay.

The next thing on the Directors agenda was discussing Square credit card processing. The MTC has established an account with Square to begin accepting credit and debit cards for payment options at the Commission for licensing and other fees. The director asked for authorization from the Commission to start utilizing this process. The Director explains that the credit card fee associated with the machine would be absorbed by the Commissions budget. A motion was made by Commissioner McNutt for the authorization of credit and debit cards at the MTC, seconded by Commissioner Tucci, with no further discussion and previous roll the motion was approved; Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, and Asfaw-yes.

Monthly Statistics Report (in packets)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The first item Commissioner Reeves began discussing the on the treasurer's report was the 2012 budget. He explained that in the packets was the formal budget for 2012. The first column is the actual 2012 budget and the unaudited January thru December actual Commission results for comparison. A motion was made by Commissioner Tucci to approve the 2012 budget, seconded by Bennett, with previous roll the motion was approved; Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, and Asfaw-yes.

The next item on the treasurer's report was the 2012 Bookkeeping Services Agreement. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the 2012 Bookkeeping Services Agreement, seconded by Commissioner McNutt, with no further discussion and previous roll the motion was approved; Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, and Asfaw-yes.

Commissioner Reeves opened up discussion for the monthly statistics packet, and any questions about the first month of the fiscal year, hearing none the meeting moved onto public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rose Harmon commented on a vehicle she had purchased and wanted to put into service for A Best. She was questioning why her title had to be in the company's name in order to put the car

in service. Commissioner Reeves explained to Rose that she needed to speak with the MTC staff regarding the matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Pursuant to Missouri Statute 620.021, an Executive Session may be held to discuss legal, confidential or privileged matters under §610.021(1), RSMo 1988 Supp.; leasing, purchase or sale of real estate under §610.021(2); personnel actions under §610.021(3); discussions regarding negotiations with employee groups under §610.021(9); personnel records or applications under §610.021(13); or records under §610.021(14) which are otherwise protected from disclosure by law; or confidential or privileged communications with the District's auditor, including auditor work products under §X610.021(17).

ADJOURNMENT

With no more discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Reeves, seconded by Commissioner Tucci. The motion to adjourn was passed unanimously; Commissioner McNutt-I, Reeves-I, Bennett-I, Rudawsky-I, Satz-I, Tucci-I, and Asfaw-I.

Minutes were interpreted from an audio recording of the meeting by Beth Dunham.