

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission

**June 19, 2013 @ 10:00 am
Commission Headquarters, 2628 Delmar, Hearings Room**

Members present: Commissioners: Hamilton, McNutt, Reeves, Rudawsky, Satz, and Tucci
Members absent: Commissioners: Bennett, Gidey, and Asfaw
Legal Department: Tom McCarthy

MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Reeves and the roll was called by Beth Dunham; Chairman Hamilton-late, Commissioner McNutt-here, Reeves-here, Bennett-absent, Gidey-absent, Rudawsky-here, Satz-here, Tucci-here, and Asfaw-absent. A quorum being found the meeting was called to order. The first order of business was approving the minutes from the May 29, 2013 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Reeves, moved by Commissioner Tuuci, and seconded by Commissioner Satz. There was a brief discussion on the minutes regarding the vote on Chapter 101 Definitions, Commissioner Rudawsky stated he voted yes and did not abstain. Upon a correction being made to the May 29, 2013 minutes, roll was called; Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, and Tucci-yes, the minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The first order of new business was discussing the meeting for July, which was already scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2013. Upon Chairman Hamilton arriving at the meeting, a different date was set for Wednesday, July 24, 2013.

The final order of new business was code revisions to Chapter 6 – Special Requirements, section 609 and Chapter 1- 101 Definitions, number fifty-seven.

Chapter 6 – Special Requirements

609 Special Requirements for Courtesy Vehicles.

- A. Courtesy vehicle shall be a no-charge or otherwise complimentary service and the vehicles employed in the service shall be no older than allowed by the rules promulgated by the Director for this class of vehicle.
- B. Courtesy vehicles shall be permanently marked on each side of the vehicle with the name of the CCN holder for which the transportation is being made and shall display a fleet number on each front fender and the rear of the vehicle and shall display all other signage or markings as required by the Director.

Is hereby amended to read:

609 Special Requirements for Courtesy and Promotional Vehicles.

- A. Courtesy and Promotional vehicles shall be a no-charge or otherwise complimentary service and the vehicles employed in the service shall be no older than allowed by the rules promulgated by the Director for this class of vehicle.
- B. Courtesy and Promotional vehicles shall be permanently marked on each side of the vehicle with the name of the CCN holder for which the transportation is being made and shall display a fleet number on each front fender and the rear of the vehicle and shall display all other signage or markings as required by the Director.

After a brief discussion on the differences between Courtesy Vehicles and Promotional Vehicles, Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the staff's recommendation to Code Revision Chapter 6 – 609 Special Requirements for Courtesy and Promotional Vehicles. The motion was moved by Commissioner Tucci and seconded by Chairman Hamilton. Roll was called; Chairman Hamilton-yes, McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, and Tucci-yes, and the amendment to Chapter 6, section 609 was approved.

The last Code Revision was to Chapter 1 Definitions.

CHAPTER 1 – DEFINITIONS

101 Definitions.

- 57. Vehicle for Hire: shall refer collectively to airport shuttles, airport taxicabs, alternative transportation vehicles, commercial shuttles, courtesy vehicles, limousine, non-emergency medical transport vehicles, on-call taxicabs, premium sedans, or vintage premium sedans and any motor vehicle engaged in the business of carrying persons for hire on the streets of the city or county where the compensation for said transportation is made either directly or indirectly.

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Chairman Hamilton made a motion to approve the amendment to Chapter 1 – Definitions, seconded by Commissioner Tucci, roll was called; Chairman Hamilton-yes, McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, and Tucci-yes, and the amendment was approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There were no items on the Director's Report at the June 19, 2013.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Reeves explained everything was tracking along budget as planned, and the Commission showed a good cash position.

The second order of business on the treasurer's report was the authorization of moving a bank account from Peoples Bank to Fifth-Third Bank. Chairman Hamilton made a motion to approve the authorization, seconded by Commissioner McNutt, roll was called; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, and Tucci-yes, the authorization was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at the June 19, 2013 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mohamed Amin Mohamed was the first to address the Commission. He explained he was there on behalf of the Somalian people. Mr. Mohamed stated he felt he was in an unfair situation with Metropolitan Cab Company, and felt the Somalian people were being taken advantage of. Mr. Mohamed explained that Metropolitan was abusing their cab drivers by having them sign over their car titles in Metropolitan's name, which he believes is unfair.

Rose Harmon addressed the Commission in regards to credit card processing devices. It was explained to Ms. Harmon that the Code has not changed, and the credit card device that the CCN Holder requires is the credit card processing device that needs to be used when processing credit cards.

Mr. Wilson owner of Wilson Cab Company had a question as to why there are no African Americans on the board. It was explained to Mr. Wilson by the Chairman that there are indeed African Americans on the board, that they were out of town and could not attend the meeting. The Chairman also explained to Mr. Wilson that the Commission has no control of who is appointed to the Board. He explained that the Mayor and County Executor make the appointments, and then those appointments are confirmed by the County Counselor and/or the Board of Alderman.

Zerebrook was the third to address the Commission; he spoke on behalf of Metropolitan Cab Company. Mr. Zerebrook told the Commission there was no discrimination at Metropolitan Cab Company, that the Somalian people have been a part of his life since he was a child.

Mr. Sweets from St. Louis American Cab was the last to address the Commission. He stated he hopes the Commission looks into Mr. Mohamed's discrimination issue, and that he wanted to commend the Director and Deputy Director on their efforts of removing illegal cabs out of St. Louis.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session at the June 19, 2013 meeting.

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 on the agenda Chairman Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the June 19, 2013 meeting, the motion was moved by Commissioner Tucci and seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Chairman Hamilton moved the previous roll; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, and Tucci-yes, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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