

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission
September 30, 2013 @ 10:00 am
Commission Headquarters, 2628 Delmar, Hearings Room

Members present: Commissioners: McNutt, Reeves, Bennett, Gidey, Rudawsky, and Asfaw
Members absent: Commissioners: Hamilton, Satz, and Tucci
Legal Department: Neil Bruntrager and Charles Billings

MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Reeves and the roll was called by Beth Dunham; Chairman Hamilton-absent, Commissioner McNutt-here, Reeves-here, Bennett-absent, Gidey-here, Rudawsky-here, Satz-absent, Tucci-absent, and Asfaw-here, with a quorum being found the meeting began. The first item on the agenda was approving the minutes from the August 21, 2013 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Reeves, moved by Commissioner Rudawsky and seconded by McNutt, roll was called; Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Gidey-yes, Rudawsky-yes, and Asfaw-yes, and the August 21st minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The first order of new business was discussing the meeting for October, which was tentatively set for Thursday, October 17, 2013. After a brief discussion the meeting was changed to Monday, October 21, 2013 at 10:00a.m.

The first CCN Hearing on the agenda was the CCN Hearing for Corporate Transportation. The Deputy Director explained that the CCN application was a premium sedan class and that it was reviewed by the staff, the application was in order, and that it was the staff's recommendation that the CCN be approved. A motion to approve the CCN application for Corporate Transportation was made by Commissioner Reeves, moved by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by McNutt. After a discussion on the need and necessity for premium sedans in the St. Louis area roll was called; Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Gidey-yes, Rudawsky-abstain, and Asfaw-yes, and the CCN for Corporate Transportation was approved.

The second CCN Hearing was for Archway Medical Transportation. The Deputy Director explained that the CCN application was a NEMT class and the application was reviewed by the staff, the application was in order, and that it was the staff's recommendation that the CCN be approved. A motion to approve the CCN application for Archway Medical Transportation was made by Commissioner Reeves, moved by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Rudawsky. After a brief discussion on the need and necessity roll was called; Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Gidey-yes, Rudawsky-ayes, and Asfaw-yes, and the CCN for Archway Medical Transportation was approved.

The third and final CCN Hearing was for Metropolitan Medical Support. The Deputy Director explained that the CCN application was a NEMT class and that it was reviewed by the staff, the application was in order, and that it was the staff's recommendation that the CCN be approved. A motion to approve the CCN application for Metro Medical Support was made by Commissioner Reeves, moved by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Asfaw. After a brief discussion on the CCN holders also being CCN holders of Metropolitan Cab Co, roll was called; Commissioner McNutt-abstain, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Gidey-yes, Rudawsky-abstain, and Asfaw-yes, and the CCN for Metro Medical Support was approved.

The final order of new business on the agenda was the Agreement to represent / Attorneys Compensation Agreement. The Director explained that as of September 1, 2013 the Metropolitan St. Louis Taxicab Commission had changed general counsel to Bruntrager & Billings, P.C. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the Director to sign the agreement presented to the Commission from Bruntrager & Billings, P.C. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and roll was called; Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Gidey-yes, Rudawsky-abstain, and Asfaw-yes, and the agreement was signed by the Director.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director announced that on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 there would be a meeting for the CCN holders in regards to the square device.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Reeves went over the financial packet. He stated the first page of the financial packet for August 31, 2013 showed a good cash position. He explained that on page three of the financial packets it showed the operating results for August and the first eight months of the year. He stated explained it showed we are about \$3000.00 over budget and everything is tracking along well.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at the September 30, 2013 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Raja Naeem was the first to address the Commission by reading a statement he had written. He began his statement by explaining there was a petition signed by cab drivers against not being allowed to process credit cards through square. Mr. Naeem explained that it was a burden on the cab drivers financially not being allowed to process fares with the square device, and he felt it allowed the CCN holders to monetarily benefit because of this. Mr. Naeem continued to read his statement concluding he felt it was not the Commission's choice or the driver's choice, that it should be the customer's decision to let the driver use the square device.

Chris Doerhoff was the next to address the Commission. He asked how the Commission was going to handle the transparency of a moratorium to the operators once the study is complete. The Director explained it would be conducted in a public meeting such as this, and the study may not result in a moratorium.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no more open discussion on the agenda Commissioner Reeves made a motion to enter into closed session of the meeting under Missouri Statute 620.021(1) to discuss legal, confidential or privileged matters and under 610.021(3) to discuss personnel actions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rudawsky and moved by Bennett. Roll was called; Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Gidey-yes, Rudawsky-yes, and Asfaw-yes, and the Commissioners entered into closed session at 10:51a.m.

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

Commissioner Reeves reconvened the Commission meeting at 11:41a.m. He explained that in the closed session the Commissioners voted and passed an increase to the Director's salary in conjunction with his annual review. With nothing more on the agenda Commissioner Reeves made a motion to adjourn the September 30, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Rudawsky seconded the motion and it was moved by Commissioner Bennett. Roll was called; Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Gidey-yes, Rudawsky-yes, and Asfaw-yes, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:47a.m.

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