

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission

**April 26, 2011 @ 9:00 am
Commission Headquarters, 2628 Delmar, Hearings Room**

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

MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hamilton and the roll was called by Director Klein. Commissioner Tucci moved to approve the minutes of the March 28th, 2011 meeting the motion was seconded by Commissioner Rudawsky and with the roll called the Commission voted to approve the March 28, 2011 minutes by; Hamilton - yes, Asfaw - yes, Gidey- yes, McNutt- yes, Reeves- yes, Rudawsky- yes, Satz- yes, and Tucci- yes.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item on the agenda was to choose a May meeting date and the Commission chose May 24th, 2011 at 9:00am.

Commissioner Hamilton proposed a discussion of raising the existing cap on meter rates for taxicab service in the district and made a motion to charge the Director with holding a public hearing to solicit input from the public and the industry to determine if the cap should be adjusted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reeves and with the previous roll called the measure was approved by; Hamilton - yes, Asfaw - yes, Gidey- yes, McNutt- yes, Reeves- yes, Rudawsky- yes, Satz- yes, and Tucci- yes.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director introduced a proposed risk assessment policy that would charge the Director with the task of twice annually reviewing the internal financial policies and procedures of the Commission. The policy would fulfill the annual audit management report's recommendations aimed at mitigating potential internal loss. Commissioner Reeves motioned to approve the measure which was seconded by Commissioner Tucci and with the roll and vote the measure was approved by; Hamilton - yes, Asfaw - yes, Gidey- yes, McNutt- yes, Reeves- yes, Rudawsky- yes, Satz- yes, and Tucci- yes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Reeves introduced the annual audit management report which outlined three matters to be addressed. The first suggestion was to update documentation describing internal controls, the second was to develop a procedures and accounting manual and the third item was to implement a fraud risk assessment program as previously described by the Director and approved by the Commission. He highlighted features of the monthly financial report and stated that the budget was tracking well.

OLD BUSINESS

The Director introduced a pamphlet supplied by Commissioner Satz that is used by taxicab starters at LaGuardia Airport which Mr. Satz offered as a sample and suggested that the Commission consider developing something similar to be employed by the starters at Lambert International Airport. Commissioner Tucci offered to take up the charge of the project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dennis Shanayev of Chesterfield Car Service, asked the Commission about criminal background licensing requirements in the vehicle for hire code. He asked for an update on how a review of the requirements regarding specific language in the code was progressing. The Chairman and Counsel reported that the review was still in progress and that it was anticipated that the review would be completed soon.

He also raised concerns regarding Lambert Airport Ground transportation rules which limit the number of taxicabs accessing the terminal garages at one time, asking the Commission to discuss the matter with the Airport to see if the policy or conditions could be changed. Chairman Hamilton and Counselor McCarthy pointed out that under state law the Commission is prohibited from regulating the areas where vehicles move or park at the airport, but stated that the Commission would speak with the airport to see if a solution to the problem was available, but again, clarified that the matter was strictly under the airport's control and authority and not within the jurisdiction or authority of the Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Relative to Litigation Matters; Chairman Hamilton made a motion to adjourn to executive session, seconded by Commissioner Tucci and by the previous roll and vote the motion was approved by; Hamilton - yes, Asfaw - yes, Gidey- yes, McNutt- yes, Reeves- yes, Rudawsky- yes, Satz- yes, and Tucci- yes.

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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 further business before the Commission a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Tucci and with no further discussion the vote was taken by the previous roll and the motion was unanimously approved by; Hamilton - yes, Asfaw - yes, Gidey- yes, McNutt- yes, Reeves- yes, Rudawsky- yes, Satz- yes, and Tucci- yes.

Minutes were interpreted from an audio recording of the meeting by Doug Scherer.