

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission

November 29, 2011 @ 1:00 pm
Commission Headquarters, 2628 Delmar, Hearings Room

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

Legal Department: Tom McCarthy

MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hamilton and the roll was called by Beth Dunham, Chairman Hamilton-present, Commissioner McNutt-here, Reeves-here, Rudawsky-present, Satz-here, Tucci-here, and Asfaw-present. The first order of business was approving the minutes from the October 24, 2011 meeting. Chairman Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Reeves, and with no further discussion roll was called. Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, Asfaw-yes, minutes were approved. The next order of business was setting the date for the next meeting, which will be December 13, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

The first order of business was discussing the staff recommendation for the ratification of CJ Thomas Co., Inc. Agreement. The insurance broker for the Commission is changing from the Daniel & Henry Company to the CJ Thomas Company. The motion to approve the staff's recommendation for the ratification of the CJ Thomas Co., Agreement was made by Commissioner Reeves, seconded by Rudawsky; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, Asfaw-yes, the motion passes.

The next order of business was the UVHC Code Revision-Sections 213, 306, 501, and 1101. Director Klein began with section 213 explaining this revision is to correct an oversight in the code. He moves on explaining section 306 revisions to make renewals easier on the CCN holders and the Commission. The next order is section 501, a recommendation by the staff to raise the flag drop limit and to eliminate one dollar from the two dollar fuel surcharge. The flag rate and per mile cap has not been raised since the Commission started. The new rates will go into effect upon renewals in 2012. It is on a volunteer basis to change the rates, but rates may not exceed those specified in section 501. The last revision, section 1101 is another oversight in the code regarding revocations. The Director explained the revocation of a license will be as the violation dictates as to how long the revocation will last.

A motion was made by Chairman Hamilton to pass the revision for Section 213.B, seconded by Commissioner Tucci. With previous roll the motion passes; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, Asfaw-yes.

A motion was made by Chairman Hamilton to amend the staff's recommendation for section 306.A, seconded by Commissioner Reeves, with previous roll called the motion passes; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, Asfaw-yes.

A motion was made by Chairman Hamilton to make the changes in Section 501.K upon renewals in 2012, seconded by Commissioner Reeves, with previous roll the motion passes; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, Asfaw-yes.

A motion was made by Chairman Hamilton to approve the changes in revocations, section 1101.H, seconded by Commissioner Rudawsky, with previous roll the change is approved; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, Asfaw-yes.

Chapter 2, Section 213.B

213 Code Compliance and Financial Obligations

B. Any CCN holder filing for bankruptcy or committing any act of insolvency shall immediately forfeit its right to operate a CCN. The MTC shall immediately assume control of the CCN in question and shall operate the CCN through a receiver or other appropriate means until the permits attached thereto can be disposed of either through reassignment, sale, revocation, and retirement or otherwise.

Chapter 3, Section 306.A

A. Vehicle Permits shall expire as follow:

1. All Airport taxicabs permits shall expire on the thirtieth (30th) day of April of each year, and shall be renewed annually prior to such expiration date.
2. All On-call taxicabs permits shall expire on the thirtieth (30th) day of June of each year, and shall be renewed annually prior to such expiration date.
3. All Courtesy vehicle permits shall expire on the thirty-first (31st) day of July of each year, and shall be renewed annually prior to such expiration date.
4. All Premium Sedan permits shall expire on the thirty-first (31st) day of October of each year, and shall be renewed annually prior to such expiration date.
5. All Non-Emergency Medical Transport vehicle permits shall expire on the thirty-first (31st) day of August of each year, and shall be renewed annually prior to such expiration date.
6. All Carriage and Alternative Transportation vehicle permits shall expire on the thirtieth (30th) day of April of each year, and shall be renewed annually prior to such expiration date. (To be amended 11/29/11)

CHAPTER 5 - GENERAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

501 Lettering and Signs Required - Taximeters - Correct Fares Charged.

K. No taximeter rates shall exceed those indicated as follows:

Initial Fare:	\$ 3.50
Per Mile:	\$ 2.20
Additional Passengers:	\$ 1.00 each
Waiting Time:	\$24.00 per hour

Chapter 11, Section 1101.H

1101 Suspension or Revocation for Non-Compliance

H. Whenever any license of any sort is revoked under this code the Director, in his order of revocation shall state the length of the revocation and if the revocation is permanent the Director shall so state in the order of revocation. If Director denies the issuance of any license then he shall state in his order of denial the length such denial shall stay in effect.

The next order of business was the CCN Hearing for SL Sedan Service. The application is in order and the Director makes the staff's recommendation to approve the transfer of ownership on the CCN application. Commissioner Reeves makes a motion to approve the change, seconded by Chairman Hamilton, with previous roll the motion was approved; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, Asfaw-yes.

The next order of business was a second CCN Hearing for Express Car Service. The application is a consolidation of three current CCN's turning into one CCN. Mr. Major explains that the LLC permits under 155 and 187 will consolidate and be under 083 as one CCN. The Director makes the staff's recommendation to approve the consolidation application. With no further questions Chairman Hamilton makes the motion to approve the staff's recommendation for the consolidation of these three CCN's, seconded by Commissioner Reeves, with previous roll the motion was approved; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, Asfaw-yes.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Monthly Statistics Report (in packets)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Reeves discussed the financial report (which is in packets) page one, shows nothing out of the ordinary. Page three shows the income statement as of October which is tracking along budget at negative \$9,742.00; the net positive shows \$68,528.00.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Cantwell was here to inquire on the ratification of the CJ Thomas agreement. He wanted to know how the procedures on ratification came about with public entity, and if there was a chance for public bids to do business on the account.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners concluded the public session and Commissioner Satz made a motion to move into Executive Session, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Reeves, with previous roll the Commissioners moved into Executive Session; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, Asfaw-yes.

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

Upon returning from Executive Session, Chairman Hamilton opened the Public Session for Adjournment, the motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner Satz. The motion to adjourn was passed unanimously; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, Asfaw-yes. The meeting was meeting was adjourned at 2:20p.m.

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