

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission

**April 17, 2014 @ 10:00 am
Commission Headquarters, 2628 Delmar, Hearings Room**

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

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-here, Rudawsky-here, Satz-absent, 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 March 31, 2014 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Reeves, and seconded by Tucci. With no further discussion on the minutes roll was called; McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Rudawsky-yes, and Tucci-yes and the minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The first order of new business was discussing the meeting for May, which was tentatively set for Thursday, May 22, 2014. After a brief discussion the meeting was set for Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 10:00a.m.

The second item of new business was a Code amendment which states as follows;

The Metropolitan Taxicab commission is required to provide overall planning and enforcement of certain transport vehicles and “for-hire” vehicles as defined in the Vehicle For Hire code. It is essential to the District’s overall tourism and business industry that passengers have available taxicabs and for hire vehicles available throughout the daytime and nighttime hours. Therefore be it resolved:

216 Nighttime Metropolitan Taxicab Permits

a. Effective June 1, 2014 each CCN holder will be required to designate ten percent (10%) of its fleet based on its taxicab census of March 31, 2014 as “Night Vehicles” as defined in this section. The CCN holder shall present the Taxicab commission with this initial list by May 27, 2014. Each CCN holder will identify its “night vehicles” by cab number. The Metropolitan Taxi Commission will issue “night vehicle” permits recognizing this class of Taxi.

a 1. A CCN Holder may request that a Taxicab be permitted for both 24 hour operation and as a night taxi. These vehicles must be operated by more than one MTC licensed driver. This taxicab must be owned by the CCN Holder and the CCN holder must supply the MTC with proof of ownership. They must also clearly designate who the Licensed Drivers will be and one must be designated for nights. If these permitted taxicabs are not operated as described the Director will revoke the dual status. Any CCN Holder in violation of this section will be guilty of a class II violation.

b. Each CCN holder will also identify ten percent (10%) of its vehicle for hire operators as “Night Drivers” by May 27, 2014. Upon receipt of the operator’s list the Metropolitan Taxi Commission will issue a new operator permit identifying said operator under this special classification.

The “night drivers” will only be permitted to operate their vehicles between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 A.M. the following day. Any “night driver” in violation of the nighttime transport hours will be guilty of a class II offense as defined in this code.

In recognition of their service, nighttime drivers will receive a fifty percent (50%) reduction in their annual driver registration fee.

c. Each CCN holder shall notify the Metropolitan Taxi Commission of any change in status of a night operator or night vehicle in writing within 24 hours of said change. All other permitted taxi's operating a regulated vehicle without a special "night driver" designation may operate at any time and at such locations within the directives of the Metropolitan Taxicab Commission

With a brief discussion Commissioner Reeves made a motion that the Code amendment for Section 216 be approved, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tucci and moved by Bennett. Roll was called; McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Rudawsky-yes, and Tucci-yes and the amendment for Section 216 was approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The first item on the Director's report was addressing the issue of Lyft launching on Friday, April 18. He let the Commissioners know that there would be additional enforcement agents on patrol, and that Lyft was an illegal operation if using a vehicle for hire for point to point transportation in St. Louis City and County.

The second and final item on the Director's report was a presentation requested by Bommarito Nissan to introduce to those in attendance a new model cab.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Reeves went over the financial packet, he stated that everything was tracking along well and we still showed a healthy cash position.

The last item on the treasurer's report was approving the 2013 annual audit. After a brief discussion Commissioner Reeves made a motion that the 2013 audit conducted by Nicholas, Stopp & VanHoy, LLC be approved, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tucci and moved by Bennett. Roll was called; McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Rudawsky-yes, and Tucci-yes and the 2013 audit was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at the April 17, 2014 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at the April 17, 2014 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no more on the agenda Commissioner Reeves made a motion to enter into Executive Session under Missouri Statute 610.021(1) to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tucci and moved by Commissioner Rudawsky, roll was called; McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Rudawsky-yes, and Tucci-yes, and the Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 10:39a.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 open session of the meeting at 11:06 a.m. With no more discussion Commissioner Reeves made a motion to adjourn the April 17, 2014 meeting at 11:10a.m., the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tucci and moved by Bennett and roll was called: McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Rudawsky-yes, and Tucci-yes, and the meeting was adjourned.

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