

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission

Friday, February 24th, 2006 @ 1:00 pm
100 North Tucker Boulevard

Members present: Chairman Hamilton, Commissioners Bennett, McNutt, Reeves, and Shiferaw

Members absent: Commissioners Harris, Rudawsky, Satz
*(Note: One seat on the Commission is currently vacant)

MTC staff: Barker, Deering, Hammond, Hinton, Lampkin, Scherer, and Tully.

Legal Department: Counselor McCarthy

Media: Elisa Crouch, St. Louis Post Dispatch; Robin Smith, KMOV Ch. 4;
Cameraman, KMOV Ch. 4

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM by Chairman Hamilton.

MINUTES

The Commissioners scheduled the next Commission meeting for Thursday, March 16, 2006 at 1:00 PM at 100 North Tucker Boulevard in the Auditorium.

Approval was requested for the minutes of the January 19, 2005 Metropolitan Taxicab Commission meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mr. McNutt, seconded by Mr. Bennett. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Tully presented a staff recommendation to the Commission. The staff recommended the approval of the request from ABC Cab Company to repaint the 'Archway Cabs' they own to a new 'Checker Cab' paint scheme. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Mr. McNutt and seconded by Mr. Bennett. Discussion ensued. Mr. Beal of ABC Cab Co. was present to answer questions. A vote was called by the Chairman and the motion passed unanimously.

No report of the Medallion Research Sub-Committee was required. It was reported public meeting of the sub-committee was chaired by Mr. Shiferaw and it was well attended. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10th.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director reported the monthly statistics. 50 new drivers were licensed since January 19th. 638 driver's licenses were renewed and \$2310.00 was collected in late fees. For January, the airport access fees totaled approximately \$24,000. Last month, 15 on-call taxis and 2 courtesy

shuttles were inspected. Between 1/19 and 2/24, 29 citations were issued by airport starters and 10 by MTC agents. 15 vehicles were red-tagged.

The Director reported the toll-free number was now in service as well as the 24-hour call center for compliments and complaints. Mr. Tully drew the Commissions attention to the final draft of the proposed in-vehicle signage for taxicabs located in their folders. In addition, the Director reported the status of the Taxicab License plates. Details have been finalized with DOR and implementation is expected to begin in September 2006.

Mr. Shiferaw inquired about the red-tagged vehicles. Discussion ensued.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Reeves presented the 2006 Operating Budget for the Commission. He motioned to approve the 2006 Budget, seconded by Mr. McNutt. With no discussion, a vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Reeves motioned to hire Nichols, Zieman and Ahmed to conduct the FY2005 audit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bennett. Discussion ensued. At the conclusion of discussion, a vote was called by the Chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A certificate of recognition was presented by the Chairman to Mohamed Ulusow of Express Airport Taxi. Mr. Ulusow was recognized for his service as a result from a letter written by a passenger, Miss Wilhelmina Wiegund.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 1:44pm. Motion by Mr. McNutt, seconded by Mr. Bennett, and passed unanimously.

*The meeting was recorded and transcribed by A. Hammond.
Minutes were interpreted from the transcript by D. Barker.*