

## Metropolitan Taxicab Commission

**September 28, 2006 @ 10:00 am**  
**100 North Tucker Boulevard**

Members present: Chairman Hamilton, Commissioners Banahan, McNutt, Reeves, Rudawsky, Satz, and Shiferaw

Members absent: Commissioners Bennett and Harris

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

Legal Department: Counselor McCarthy

*Chairman Hamilton called the meeting to order at 10:17 AM.*

### **MINUTES**

Approval was requested for the minutes of the June 20, 2006 and the July 27, 2006 Metropolitan Taxicab Commission meetings. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mr. Reeves, seconded by Mr. Rudawsky. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners scheduled the next Commission meeting for Wednesday, October 25, 2006 at 10:00 AM at 100 North Tucker Boulevard in the Auditorium.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Commission recognized Mr. Carl Lucas and Mr. Mohammad Aslam for their efforts in the return of a passenger's lost property. The drivers were presented with Certificates of Recognition from the Commission.

The Commission commended Mr. Frank Utley for his assistance in apprehending a dangerous criminal. Mr. Utley's observations and actions assisted in the arrest and subsequent confession of a man wanted for armed bank robbery. Vice Chairman Reeves presented Mr. Utley with a Certificate of Commendation on behalf of the Commission. Mr. Bret Mayberry, Senior Vice President of Pulaski Bank, presented Mr. Utley with a reward on behalf of the Bank.

Counselor McCarthy presented a proposed modification to the Vehicle for Hire Code Section 603, paragraph 5. (See Appendix A) The proposed change is regarding the distance of 500 feet is to be changed to 2500 feet. A motion was made to accept the amendment by Mr. McNutt, seconded by Mr. Satz. Discussion ensued. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Tully pointed out the monthly statistics were provided in the Commissioner's packets. He reported the final statistics from the opening of the Premium Sedan class. The Courtesy class renewal was completed by the end of August. Renewal of the Premium Sedan Class will begin on October 1<sup>st</sup>. A discussion regarding grandfathered vehicles and MODOT ensued.

The Director reported on future enforcement activities with regard to sporting events and illegal operators. He provided an update on the heat emergency event in July. FEMA reimbursed approximately 75% of the funds requested. Participating companies and personnel costs were reimbursed.

The August 29<sup>th</sup> and September 26<sup>th</sup> Director's Round Table Discussions each had only one attendee. Director Tully concluded his report by advising the Commissioners that he has been appointed to the Police Chief's Association and will have an opportunity to inform various police departments of our activities.

The Commissioners inquired about airport cabs picking up at Rams games. Discussion ensued. Progress regarding the creation of event cab stands was reported to the Commission. Mr. Shiferaw asked for a clarification on airport cabs picking up downtown. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Hamilton recognized and welcomed State Representative Mott-Oxford in the audience.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Reeves reported on the Commission's finances. After referring to the balance sheet and revenue statement of August 31, 2006, he reported a good turn-around from the beginning of the year. With regard to revenue over expenses, he pointed out a forty-six thousand dollar positive – year to date. Cash position and receivables continue to be strong. He forecasted the Commission will remain on budget. A few questions from the Commissioners were clarified.

Chairman Hamilton recounted the events of the July heat emergency. He then presented the Letter from the Mayor thanking the Commission. Director Tully commended the staff for their efforts.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carl Lucas, a driver for St. Louis Auto Livery, addressed the Commission. He began by thanking the Commission for recognizing him. He questioned the cab stands in Clayton. He was upset that they were for specific companies. He then complained about the lack of a cab stand near the Adam's Mark. He continued to express his concerns about the lack of stands near the new stadium.

Chairman Hamilton began by addressing his concerns. He described the planned stands in the works and the fact that the city controls the locations of the stands. Mr. Rudawsky specifically addressed the Clayton proprietary cab stands and the fees associated with purchasing them.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no additional business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. McNutt and seconded by Mr. Reeves. The motion to adjourn was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 am.

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