

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission

February 29, 2008 @ 10:30 am
100 North Tucker Boulevard, Auditorium

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

Members absent: Commissioners Haile and Bennett. (*One seat on the Commission remains vacant.*)

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

Legal Department: Counselor McCarthy

Chairman Hamilton called the meeting to order at 10:33 AM.

MINUTES

Chairman Hamilton requested approval for the meeting minutes of January 22, 2008. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Reeves and seconded by Mr. McNutt. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commissioners scheduled the next Commission meeting for April 4, 2008 at 10:00 AM at 100 North Tucker Boulevard in the Auditorium, pending the availability of the facility.

Mr. McCarthy presented language to be added to the Vehicle for Hire Code. The proposed language would resolve a potential conflict between NEMT class and taxicab classes. Shortly after Mr. McCarthy began, discussion ensued. It was determined the issue would require additional work. Chairman Hamilton tabled the issue until the next meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The monthly statistics were in the Commissioner's packets. Director Tully provided an update on the docket from February. Court was cancelled due to the ice storm.

Director Tully informed the Commission about the Mardi Gras special enforcement detail. Seven summonses were issued, 39 field inspections were conducted, three court orders were served, one vehicle was seized. A hearing was held on February 4th before Judge Sweeney in Division 16. After the judge admonished the Defendant, he returned the vehicle to the owner after tow fees and court fees were paid. Two unlicensed shuttles vans were issued Police summonses for improper driver's licenses and the owner of the restaurant was issued a certified letter explaining the procedure for compliance. One illegal operator was stopped and subsequently fled from Agents. The operator was at one time a licensee of the MTC. An investigation has been initiated.

He then reported on the progress of the absorption of the NEMT class. Since the last meeting, correspondence and certified correspondence was sent to all medical transportation providers and contractors identified by Logisticare. Licensing of both drivers and vehicles are currently underway.

The Director reported that a draft of Dr. Mundy's report was delivered to the office. A copy will be scanned and forwarded to the Commissioners. A date has not been chosen for a legislative trip to Jefferson City. The annual report is currently in progress and will be finished by the trip.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the 2008 operating budget was made by Mr. McNutt, seconded by Mr. Banahan. Mr. Reeves presented the break even budget and identified some key points. He pointed out that no capital items are included and that he doesn't anticipate any major purchases. Any capital issues shall be dealt with on an individual basis. With no further discussion or questions, the Chair called the vote. The motion to approve the 2008 budget passed unanimously.

Mr. Reeves continued his report with the January numbers. The first month of 2008 shows an excess of \$14,000. He believes this is an aberration and the numbers will balance out over time. The Commission maintains a strong cash position. He reported the annual audit is currently underway and should be wrapped up in the next few weeks. On a side note, he reminded the Commission the lease for the facilities is up this August and all options will be explored.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public requested to make a comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, Chairman Hamilton entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mr. McNutt and seconded by Mr. Reeves. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM.

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