

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission

April 24, 2012 @ 9:00 am
Commission Headquarters, 2628 Delmar, Hearings Room

Members present: Commissioners: McNutt, Reeves, Bennett, Gidey, and Rudawsky

Members absent: Commissioners: Hamilton, Satz, Tucci, and Asfaw

Legal Department: Timothy Ahrenhoersterbaeumer

MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Reeves and the roll was called by Beth Dunham; Commissioner McNutt-here, Reeves-here, Bennett-here, Gidey-here, and Rudawsky-here. The first order of business was approving the minutes from the March 29, 2012 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Reeves, seconded by Bennett, and with no further discussion roll was called; Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-I, Bennett-yes, Gidey-yes, and Rudawsky-yes, the minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The first order of new business was setting a date for the May meeting, which will be May 15, 2012 at 9:00a.m.

Vehicle for Hire Code Revisions – None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The first order of business on the director's report was the Independence Cab transfer of ownership. Gary Sooch a shareholder in Independence Cab Incorporated, wanted to transfer one (1) share of this corporation stock in exchange for the payment to him of \$3,000.00 from Ajaypal Johal. The transfer was reviewed by the staff, the \$250.00 transfer fee was paid, and it was the staff's recommendation that the transfer of the share of ownership be approved. A motion was made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the staff's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner McNutt, and with no objections and further discussion roll was called; Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Gidey-yes, and Rudawsky-yes, the transfer was approved for Independence Cab.

The second order of business on the director's report was the SBNA Airport Taxi transfer of one of the five units owned by Solomon Bekele to Ajaypal Johal for the payment amount of \$3,000.00. The transaction was reviewed by the staff, the \$250.00 transfer fee was paid, and it was the staff's recommendation that the transaction of the one unit be approved. A motion was made by Commissioner Bennett to approve the staff's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner McNutt, and with no objections and further discussion roll was called; Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Gidey-yes, and Rudawsky-yes, the transfer was approved for SBNA Airport Taxi, LLC.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer looked over the packets provided with the financial statements as of March 31, 2012 and year to date numbers. He discussed the net income which is a -\$1,629.13, but is actually still tracking ahead of budget and nothing is out of the ordinary.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rose Harmon addressed the Commission first in regards to the letter she wrote that was given to the Commissioners for review in the March 29, 2012 meeting. It was explained to Ms. Harmon that her letter was taken into consideration by the Commission and Mr. Asfaw was questioned. The Director also explained that it was a driver owner problem between her and the CCN Holder. He also explained that Enforcement Agents are closely monitoring that all procedures are being followed and that no improprieties are being done. Ms. Harmon also stated she was looking for a change in the code for transferring aged vehicles from one CCN Holder to another until they are aged out completely. It was explained to Ms. Harmon that right now it was prohibited to transfer a certain age vehicle from one CCN Holder to another, but it would be looked into by the Commission.

Mr. Biru was the next to speak; he had a question if the Commission's legal counsel was paid any fee for the review of the transfer of ownership for Independence Cab or SBNA Airport. It was explained to Mr. Biru that the transfer needed no legal counsel to review the transaction and the only fee paid was the transfer fees to the Commission of \$250.00 that the code requires for these types of transactions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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

With no more discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Reeves, seconded by Commissioner Rudawsky. The motion to adjourn was passed unanimously; Commissioner McNutt-I, Reeves-I, Bennett-I, Gidey-I, Rudawsky-I.

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