

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission

July 29, 2015 @ 10:00 am

St. Louis Community College Forest Park, 5600 Oakland Ave., St. Louis, MO

Members present: Commissioners: Hamilton, McNutt, Reeves, Rudawsky, Satz, Tucci, Asfaw and Sommers
Members absent: Commissioners:
Legal Department: Neil Bruntrager

MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hamilton and the roll was called by Bob Oldani: Chairman Hamilton-present, Commissioner McNutt-present, Commissioner Reeves-present, Commissioner Rudawsky-present, Commissioner Satz-present, Commissioner Tucci-present, Commissioner Asfaw-present, and Commissioner Sommers-present. A quorum being found, the meeting began.

Chairman Hamilton made a motion to approve the June 23, 2015 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Reeves. There was no discussion by the board and vote was taken: Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Commissioner Reeves-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Commissioner Satz-yes, Commissioner Tucci-yes, Commissioner Asfaw-yes and Commissioner Sommers-yes. The minutes were adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Following adoption of the minutes, the following Commissioners addressed the audience: Hamilton, Reeves, Rudawsky, Asfaw, Tucci, and Sommers. Chairman Hamilton then opened the meeting to public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter Kinder, Lt. Governor of MO asking the board for approval of ride sharing services.

Jane E. Dueker spoke on behalf of individual cab drivers in opposition to ride sharing services.

Dr. Ray Mundy discussed the study he conducted to find that there is a need and necessity for more vehicles for hire in St. Louis City and County.

Travis Sheridan representing Venture Café spoke in favor of UberX.

Hart Nelson of St. Louis Regional Chamber of Commerce spoke in favor of TNC's.

Fred Sweets representing St. Louis American Cab spoke in neither favor or against TNC's.

Randy Vines representing STL Style spoke in favor of UberX.

Paul Davis representing taxi drivers spoke against UberX.

Bernie Squitieri spoke in opposition of TNC's.

Sagar Shah, General Manager of Uber in Saint Louis spoke in favor of UberX, and said he believed the Commissioners were just further delaying the process of bringing UberX to St. Louis.

The final person to speak was Mary Ellen Ponder, Chief of Staff to the Mayor, spoke on behalf of Mayor Slay asking the Commissioners not to vote on anything today and have another meeting to work out the differences in proposals between the Metropolitan Taxicab Commission and UberX.

ADJOURNMENT

Following public comments, there was discussion among the Commissioners, then Chairman Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the July 29, 2015 on request of the Mayor and County Executive's office that no votes be taken at the July 29, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioners Sommers; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Commissioner Reeves-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Commissioner Satz-yes, Commissioner Tucci-yes, Commissioner Asfaw-yes and Commissioner Sommers-yes, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:12a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- There was no Executive Session.

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).

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