

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission
August 29, 2017 @ 10:00 am
Commission Headquarters, 2628 Delmar, Hearings Room

Members present: Commissioners: Reeves, McNutt, Tucci, Rudawsky, Osho, Fitch, Satz & Gilbert
Members absent: Commissioner: Asfaw
Legal Department: Chuck Billings

AGENDA & MINUTES

- The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Reeves at 10:00 AM and the roll was called by Beth Dunham: Chairman Reeves-present, Commissioner McNutt-present, Commissioner Rudawsky-present, Commissioner Tucci-present, Commissioner Satz-present, Commissioner Asfaw-absent, Commissioner Osho-present, Commissioner Fitch-present, and Commissioner Gilbert-present. A quorum being found, the meeting began.
- Chairman Reeves called the question to amend the August 29, 2017 agenda to add under New Business approval of a resolution recognizing the long-time service of Chairman Louis Hamilton to the Commission and authorize the presentation to show the Commission's appreciation. A motion was made by Commissioner McNutt and seconded by Commissioner Tucci to approve the amended agenda. With no discussion by the board, vote was taken, and the agenda was adopted; Chairman Reeves-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Commissioner Tucci-yes, Commissioner Osho-yes, Commissioner Satz-yes, Commissioner Fitch-yes, and Commissioner Gilbert-yes.
- Chairman Reeves called for a motion to be made to adopt the July 18, 2017 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Fitch and seconded by Commissioner Tucci. With no discussion by the board, vote was taken, and the minutes were adopted; Chairman Reeves-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Commissioner Tucci-yes, Commissioner Asfaw-yes, Commissioner Satz-yes, Commissioner Fitch-yes, and Commissioner Gilbert-yes.

NEW BUSINESS

September 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. was set as the next regular meeting of the Commission. (approved by consensus, no vote was taken)

- The Director presented six sales of shares of St. Louis Airport Taxi to the board. He explained that the original share owners were no longer St. Louis Airport Taxi drivers and the shares were sold to current St. Louis Airport Taxi drivers. With no discussion by the board, vote was taken, and the sale of shares of St. Louis Airport Taxi was approved; Chairman Reeves-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Commissioner Tucci-yes, Commissioner Osho-abstain, Commissioner Satz-yes, Commissioner Fitch-yes, and Commissioner Gilbert-yes.
- Chairman Reeves discussed a letter from the St. Louis Metropolitan Taxicab Commission's legal counsel stating that state law does not require vanity taxi plates on taxicabs. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Tucci and seconded by Commissioner Gilbert to remove the vanity taxicab plate requirement for taxicabs out of the Vehicle for Hire Code; Chairman Reeves-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Commissioner Tucci-yes,

Commissioner Asfaw-yes, Commissioner Satz-yes, Commissioner Fitch-yes, and Commissioner Gilbert-yes. The motion was approved.

- A resolution was read by Chairman Reeves for official approval to be added to the meeting minutes, and be authorized by the board to present former Chairman Louis Hamilton a plaque of appreciation for his hard work and dedication to the St. Louis Metropolitan Taxicab Commission. Chairman Reeves resolution read as:

The St. Louis Taxi Commission hereby formally acknowledges with this Resolution and conveys through dedication of this plaque its sincere gratitude to Louis Hamilton in recognition and appreciation of his personal commitment and his dedication to the betterment of the St. Louis Region through his outstanding long time service and leadership on the St. Louis Metropolitan Taxi Commission, serving as a founding board member from October 2002 to December 2015 and Chairman from 2006 – December 2015, leading the navigation of the MTC since its inception through its early success as well as through the historic and rapid changes in the Vehicle for Hire industry.

A motion was made by Commissioner McNutt and seconded by Commissioner Tucci to adopt the resolution read by Chairman Reeves, and authorize the plaque to be presented to former Chairman Louis Hamilton. Vote was taken and the motion was approved; Chairman Reeves-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Commissioner Tucci-yes, Commissioner Osho-yes, Commissioner Satz-yes, Commissioner Fitch-yes, and Commissioner Gilbert-abstain.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Chairman Reeves discussed the 2016 audit, no votes were taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- There were no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no more on the agenda and no more discussion by the board, Chairman Reeves called to adjourn the August 29, 2017 meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Tucci and seconded by Commissioner Rudawsky. Vote was taken, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:34a.m. Chairman Reeves-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Commissioner Tucci-yes, Commissioner Osho-yes, Commissioner Satz-yes, Commissioner Fitch-yes, and Commissioner Gilbert-yes.

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