

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission

January 18, 2007 @ 10:00 am
100 North Tucker Boulevard

Members present: Commissioners Bennett, McNutt, Reeves, Rudawsky, and Satz.

Members absent: Chairman Hamilton and Commissioner Banahan. *(Two seats on the Commission remain vacant.)*

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

Legal Department: Counselor McCarthy

Vice-Chairman Reeves chaired the meeting. Chairman Reeves called the meeting to order at 10:48 AM. (Commissioner Bennett was delayed due to vehicle problems and a quorum could not be formed until his arrival.)

MINUTES

Mr. Reeves requested approval for the minutes of the November 28, 2006 Metropolitan Taxicab Commission meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mr. McNutt, seconded by Mr. Satz. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners scheduled the next Commission meeting for Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at 10:00 AM at 100 North Tucker Boulevard in the Auditorium. *(Please note: the meeting date was re-scheduled for February 22, 2007 at 10am, immediately after closing the public meeting.)*

OLD BUSINESS

At the November 28, 2006 meeting, Mr. Ted LaBoube from the Properties Division of Lambert-St. Louis International Airport®, presented a request from the Airport to change the markings on Airport taxicabs. The Airport proposed changing the markings to include the \$3.00 airport usage fee on the door with the rate markings. This would involve moving the marking from the rear fender and incorporating it with the rates on the door. Director Tully polled the industry and confirmed there was no objection to changing. The cost of changing the markings was reported to be approximately \$28.00. Mr. McNutt made a motion to incorporate the addition of the rate to the rate markings on Airport Taxicabs. The motion specified the changes must be completed prior to annual inspection in April 2007. The motion was seconded by Mr. Satz. With no further discussion or questions, a vote was called by Mr. Reeves. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Tully recommended to the Commission that companies operating two different CCNs are granted secondary licenses at a reduced rate. The Commissioners discussed the recommendation. A motion was proposed by Mr. Reeves and re-stated by Mr. McCarthy, to institute dual registration -- for the CCNs held by the same owner -- at no charge if at the time of normal renewal, and if outside of normal renewal, an administrative fee of \$25 would be applied. Mr. Rudawsky made the motion, and Mr. McNutt seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Satz inquired about the taxi stands near the stadiums. Director Tully reported all the requests have been submitted and we are awaiting approval from the various city departments. After some discussion, Mr. Reeves thanked the staff for their work on the proposed stands.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Tully pointed out the monthly statistics were provided in the Commissioner's packets. He pointed out the decrease in airport user fee revenue and the correlation with decrease of special events during the period. He reported a training session was taught by a Special Agent with Immigration and Customs Enforcement regarding document recognition. Additionally, the round table discussions with the Director are continuing to be held monthly.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Reeves reported on the Commission's finances. After referring to the balance sheet and profit & loss statement of December 2006, he reported a \$12,460.00 loss. This ended the year with an \$18,092 surplus, showing a slight profit for the year. He stated it came in just a few dollars over the original budget, but the budget tracked very well for the year.

Mr. Reeves directed the commissioner's attentions to the 2007 budget, a budget summary, and a profit & loss detail for period all contained in their packets. Mr. McNutt motioned to approve the 2007 budget, seconded by Mr. Satz. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Reeves thanked the staff and Dave Adam (the external accountant), for all their efforts during the budgeting process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jerry Beal, of ABC Cab Company, addressed the Commission regarding picking up at the bus port. Mr. McCarthy redirected the question to Mr. Ted LaBoube, of Lambert-St. Louis International Airport®, and explained the Commission has no authority over curb rights on the Airport grounds.

Mr. Tyrone Gary, of Allen Cab Company, addressed the Commission regarding the late Commissioner Harris's spot on the Commission. He wanted to know if it was going to be filled by an African American. Mr. Reeves responded to Mr. Gary. He explained the appointments are made by the County Executive and the City Mayor. The Commission doesn't make the appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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