

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission
February 25, 2014 @ 10:00 am
Commission Headquarters, 2628 Delmar, Hearings Room

Members present: Commissioners: Hamilton, McNutt, Reeves, Bennett, Rudawsky, Satz, Tucci, and Asfaw
Members absent: Commissioners: None
Legal Department: Charles Billings & Neil Bruntrager

MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hamilton and the roll was called by Beth Dunham; Chairman Hamilton-present, Commissioner McNutt-here, Reeves-here, Bennett-absent, Rudawsky-here, Satz-here, Tucci-here, and Asfaw-here, with a quorum being found the meeting was started. The first item on the agenda was approval of the December 19, 2013 minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chairman Hamilton, moved by Tucci and seconded by McNutt. Roll was called; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, and Asfaw-yes, and the December 19, 2013 minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The first order of new business was discussing the meeting date for March, which was tentatively set for Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 10:00a.m. After a brief discussion the meeting scheduled for March was tabled.

Chairman Hamilton made an announcement for the record that Commissioner Bennett had arrived to the meeting.

The first item of new business was a CCN Hearing for Zip Care Transportation, LLC. The Deputy Director explained that the CCN application was a non emergency medical transportation class and that it was reviewed by the staff, the application was in order, and that it was the staff's recommendation that the CCN be approved. A motion to approve the CCN application for Zip Care was made by Chairman Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner Reeves. There was a brief discussion about the application and roll was called; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, and Asfaw-yes, and the CCN for Zip Care Transportation was approved.

The Second item of new business was a CCN Hearing for The Point of Change Ministry. The Deputy Director explained that the CCN application was a non emergency medical transportation class and that it was reviewed by the staff, the application was in order, and that it was the staff's recommendation that the CCN be approved. A motion to approve the CCN application for The Point of Change Transit was made by Chairman Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner Tucci. There was a brief discussion about the application and roll was called; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, and Asfaw-yes, and the CCN for Point of Change Transit was approved.

The Third item of new business was a CCN Hearing for Carmel Car & Limousine Dispatching Service. The Deputy Director explained that the CCN application was the first of its kind in St. Louis City and County. The Deputy Director explained the application was vetted by the attorney's and Director Klein, all questions were answered satisfactorily, the application was in order, and it was the staff's recommendation that the CCN be approved. Chairman Hamilton made a motion to approve the staff's

recommendation of the CCN; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tucci. There was a discussion about the application then roll was called; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Rudawsky-abstain, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, and Asfaw-yes, and the CCN Carmel Car & Limousine was approved.

The final item of new business was the RFP Taxi Study. The Director explained the RFP was complete, reviewed by the CCN Holders, no comments or suggestions were made, and the staff was ready to move the proposal forward. A date was set for May 26, 2014 for proposals to be ready for review. Chairman Hamilton made a motion to take the staff's recommendation to authorize the issuance of the RFP Supply/Demand Report; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tucci. With no discussion, roll was called; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, and Asfaw-yes, and the RFP was approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director discussed the Mardi gras festivities that were coming up on March 1, 2014. He explained that there would be extra taxi stands, enforcement agents, and airport cabs to help with the need and necessity of the busiest day of the year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Reeves discussed the financial packet. He explained that the first month of the fiscal year showed a healthy cash position.

The next item on the treasurer's report was approving the budget for 2014. Commissioner Reeves explained that the budgeted revenue was slightly down for 2014 and showed a deficit due to necessary upgrades in enforcement and computer systems. After a brief discussion Chairman Hamilton made a motion to approve the 2014 budget, seconded by Commissioner Rudawsky, roll was called; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, and Asfaw-yes, and the budget was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at the February 25, 2014 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debbie Rudawsky, Kim Garner and Mark Dilcom addressed the Commission voicing their concerns over Carmel Car & Limousine CCN.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Hamilton made a motion to enter into closed session under section 610.021 (1) of the RSMo to discuss legal, confidential or privileged matters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reeves, and roll was called; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, and Asfaw-yes, and the Commissioners went into closed session at 10:47a.m.

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 §610.021(17).

The meeting reconvened at 11:15a.m. Chairman Hamilton explained there were no actionable items that took place in the closed session of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more on the agenda Commissioner McNutt made a motion to adjourn the February 25, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reeves and roll was called; Chairman Hamilton-yes, Commissioner McNutt-yes, Reeves-yes, Bennett-yes, Rudawsky-yes, Satz-yes, Tucci-yes, and Asfaw-yes, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:28a.m.

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