

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION LICENSING COMMISSION

Minutes

April 24, 2014

The Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Transportation Commission (TLC) met in regular session on this date at the Metropolitan Courthouse. Present were Commissioners Sal Hernandez, Tom Turner, Sam Patel and Ben Jordan (4). Also present were Metro Legal Adviser Rachelle Gallimore-Scruggs along with TLC staff members Lisa Steelman, Millie Carmen and Director Billy Fields.

Chairman Hernandez called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. then led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a reading of the Notice of Appeal Statement which outlined the right of appeal for TLC decision.

Minutes From Previous TLC Meeting

Commissioner Turner with a second from Commissioner Jordon moved approval of previously TLC meeting minutes with no changes.

ACTION: Motion approved 3-0

WRECKERS

New Wrecker Company Applications

American Towing appeared for to request a license to operate as a general wrecker company. Commissioner Jordon, with a second from Commissioner Patel, moved to approve.

ACTION: Motion approved 3-0

OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE

New Companies

MVP Transportation appeared to request a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate an "other vehicle for hire" service. Commissioner Patel, with a second from Commissioner Jordon, moved to approve the request.

ACTION: Motion approved 3-0

Round A Bout Transportation appeared to request a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate an "other vehicle for hire" service. Commissioner Jordon, with a second from Commissioner Turner, moved to approve the request.

ACTION: Motion approved 3-0

Westhaven Carriage appeared to request a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate an "other vehicle for hire" service. Commissioner Jordon, with a second from Commissioner Turner, moved to approve the request.

ACTION: Motion approved 3-0

New Drivers

Yosry W. Abdella applied to be an "other vehicle for hire driver", but was not present. No action was taken.

Chris M. Bozman appeared to request a permit to be an "other vehicle for hire" driver. Director Fields reported that he failed to fully disclose his background, but was eligible to be given a permit. Commissioner Patel, with a sec on from Commissioner Jordon, moved to approve.

ACTION: Motion approved 3-0

Anthony W. Klingenberg appeared to request a permit to be an "other vehicle for hire" driver. Director Fields reported that he failed to fully disclose his background, but was eligible to be given a permit. Commissioner Patel, with a second from Commissioner Turner, moved to approve.

ACTION: Motion approved 3-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Chair opened the public hearing to consider modification of TLC taxicab Rule No. 6 € 1 which required a two radio in each taxicab. Director Fields suggested the following rule modification:

Two way radios or a device to be used as a method of communication between the dispatch office/operations department and the taxicab vehicle. A cellular phone or dispatch computer with two way communication and a panic button that will alert the dispatcher of a taxicab vehicle in distress and the GPS location of the distressed taxicab vehicle so that all times there are modalities to receive assistance if needed.

Jim Burrows, Melinda Grant and Mehari Woldekin appeared to speak on the topic then the Chair closed the public hearing. Commission Patel, with a second from Commissioner Turner, moved to approve the modification and to include that new equipment had to be approved by the TLC Commission Director.

ACTION: Motion was approved 3-0.

The Chair opened the public hearing to consider modifications of TLC taxicab Rule 7 (b) which would establish a process when insurance carrier's ratings are downgraded below the require levels. Director Fields suggested the rule be revised to say:

Effective on December 31, 2013, all licensed taxicabs to have liability insurance coverage of 50/100/50. On March 1, 2014, all licensed taxicabs must carry uninsured motorist insurance coverage of 25/50/15 then on September 1, 2014; all licensed taxicabs must have liability insurance coverage of 100/300/50. All insurance carriers providing this coverage must have an A.M. Best rating of B + or better. In the event that the insurance provider no longer meets the requirements herein stated, a new policy which complies with the requisite coverage and rating shall be obtained and put into effect by the renewal date if the insurance provider no longer meets the AM Best Requirement."

No one appeared to speak and the Chair closed the public hearing. Commissioner Patel, with a second from Commissioner Turner, moved to approve the modification.

ACTION: Motion approved 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Director Fields asked the Chair for permission to share some information with the TLC.

Director Fields reported that Nashvegas Taxi's new business address is 2803 Foster Ave., Suite 106, Nashville.

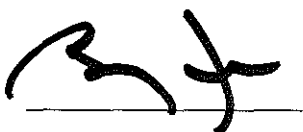
Director Fields requested that the TLC establish May 14, 2014, 4 p.m. as the deadline for submission or alteration request for existing emergency wrecker zone as well as the deadline from any new applications to operate an existing emergency wrecker zone. Commissioner Patel, with a second from Commissioner Turner, moved to approve this request.

ACTION: Approved 3-0.

The Chair recognized Mehari Woldekin, president of Nashvegas Taxi, who presented a letter to the TLC outlining the his company's efforts to meet all obligations placed on it by the TLC as well as expressing concern about the impact of the extension of time granted to other taxi companies by the TLC to meet the minimums required for permits in use. The Chair advised Mr. Woldekin that the TLC had deliberated the impact and need for an extension of time when the TLC granted the extension and that no further action would be taken at this time.

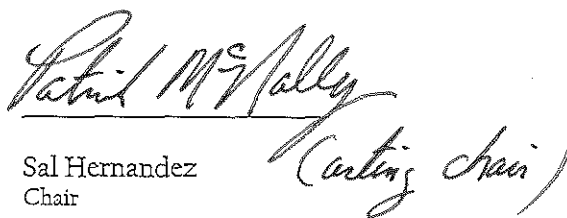
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

ATTEST:



Billy Fields
Director/Executive Secretary

APPROVED:



Sal Hernandez
Chair