METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION LICENSING COMMISSION

Minutes

February 26, 2015

The Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Transportation Commission (TLC) met in regular session on this date in the Jury Assembly Room of the Historic Courthouse. Present were Chairman Sal Hernandez, Vice Chairman Tom Turner and Commissioners Sam Patel, Pat McNally, Ben Jordan and Curt Wallen (6). Present were Metro Legal Advisers Theresa Costonis and Tara Ladd as well as TLC staff members Lisa Steelman, Millie Carman and Billy Fields.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:31 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 decisions.

Minutes

Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Wallen moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

ACTION:

Approved 5-0

Wrecker and Towing Services

Julian Clemmons appeared to request an application to be a wrecker driver. Director Fields explained that he had failed to fully disclose his background. Commissioner McNally, with a second from Commissioner Patel, moved to approve.

ACTION:

Approved 5-0

Dwight Mason was not present for a review of his application. Commission Wallen, with a second form Commissioner McNally moved to defer the application.

ACTION:

Approved 5-0

Horse and Carriages

Nathan M. Redfearin appeared to request a carriage driver permit. Director Fields reported that Mr. Redfearin was very likely the subject of a complaint filed by carriage drivers against Hat Creek Carriages for allowing a person to operate a carriage without a permit. After some discussion, Commissioner Wallen, with a second from Vice Chair Turner, moved to defer action on this request until March when both this application and the complaint can be heard together.

ACTION:

Approved 5-0

Other Passenger Vehicles for Hire.

Music City Limos requested permission to add Esmaile Sultan as a partner. Commissioner Patel, with a second from Commissioner Wallen, moved to approve.

ACTION:

Approved 5-0

Director Fields presented Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for Destination point Limo, Logos VIP Transportation, Sentinel Transportation and Smeed Limo. After some discussion, Commissioner Jordan with a second from Vice Chair Turner, moved to approve.

ACTION:

Approved 5-0

Public Hearings

The Chair opened the public hearings for three taxicab related issues. They were: "Review Taxicab Rule 3: Retention of Taxicab permits, Review Rule 7-B: Liability Insurance and Review Article one of Chapter 6.72 relating to the requirement of a finding of need for Public Convenience and Necessity as a prerequisite for the issuance of new certificates or additional; permits to existing permit holders.

The following individuals spoke:

David McIndoo Nathan Spears

Michael Kaiser Melinda Grant

Benni Habti Angelo Moyo Tad Essa

Jim Burrow

Ditti Eli

Mohamed Dinnye

Ahmed Abukar

Su Mann

The Chair closed the public hearing at 2:31 p.m.

After some discussions, Commissioner McNally moved with a send from Commissioner Jordan to resend action on Rule 7-b and amend it to require all taxicabs to have a minimum of 50-100-50 commercials automobile liability insurance.

ACTION:

Approved 5-0

Commissioner McNally with a second from Vice Chair Turner moved to require uninsured motorist coverage to mirror the requirement for commercial automobiles liability insurance for all taxicabs effective June 1, 2015.

ACTION:

Approved 5-0

Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Jordan moved to suspend Taxicab Rule 3 and revisit the issue after March 1, 2016.

ACTION:

Approved 5-0

After some discussion, Director Fields was asked to gather information from other cities regarding the manner in which the number of taxicabs is determined as well as entry procedures. Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Patel moved to table this issue until the April 2015 TLC meeting.

ACTION:

Approved 5-0

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Billy Fields

Director/Executive Secretary

APPROVED:

Sal Hernandez

Chair