METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION LICENSING COMMISSION

Minutes

June 25, 2015

The Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Transportation Commission (TLC) met in regular session on this date at the Historic Courthouse Jury Assembly Room. Present were Chairman Sal Hernandez, Vice Chairman Tom Turner and Commissioners Sam Patel, Rhonda Marko, Pat McNally, Ben Jordan and Curt Wallen (7). Present were Metro Legal Adviser Tara Ladd as well as TLC staff members Lisa Steelman, Millie Carman and Billy Fields.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:32 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 Wallen with a second from Commissioner Patel moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

ACTION:

Approved 6-0.

Taxicab

JC and Dr. Portia Love were present by teleconference to complain that taxicab driver Wondwosson Balcha as well as Volunteer Taxi operated a vehicle without the required insurance. Mr. and Dr. Love explained their complaint revolved around an accident on the property of the Omni Hotel on March 6, 2015. Mr. Balcha, represented by attorney Demian O. Ononuju and Volunteer Taxi represented by manager Cherie Jasim explained their side of the complaint. After some discussion, Commissioner Marko, with a second from Commissioner Patel, moved to suspend Mr. Balcha for six months, but hold the punishment in abeyance.

ACTION:

Approved 5-0

Commissioner Patel, with a second from Commissioner Marko, moved to place Volunteer Taxi on probation for a period of three months.

ACTION:

Approved 5-0

Wrecker

The chair announced the annual meeting to consider the assignment and any alterations to the emergency wrecker zones and there were no speakers so the Chair closed the hearing.

After some discussion, Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Patel, moved to leave the current assignments in place. They are:

AB Collier
Bailey's Wrecker Service
Brown's Wrecker
Carter's Wrecker Service
Chapman's Wrecker Service
Cotton's Towing
Dad's Towing
Donelson Wrecker

Hillwood Wrecker
Martin's Wrecker
Mike's Custom Towing
Roadmaster dba Tow Pro
Smith's Wrecker
Tommy's Wrecker Service
West Nashville Wrecker

ACTION:

Approved 5-0

Madison Title Company filed a complaint against Alvin's Wrecker Service for providing a non-consent tow without a license, but no one appeared. Commissioner Wallen with a second from Commissioner Patel moved to dismiss the complaint for failure to appear.

ACTION:

Approved 5-0

Perry Kyles appeared to request a permit to operate a wrecker. Director Fields explained that Mr. Kyles failed to fully disclose his background and was denied. After some discussion, Commissioner Marko, with a second from Commissioner Patel moved to approve.

ACTION:

Approved 5-0

Other Passenger Vehicles for Hire

Director Fields presented an application from Adamville Limo (owner Amhmedn Taher) for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for Other Passenger Vehicles for Hire. After some discussion, Commissioner Wallen moved to approve the application.

ACTION:

Approved 5-0

James Barnett was present to request a permit to drive an OPVH. Director Fields explained Mr. Barnett had a failed to fully disclose his background and his application was denied. After some discussion, Commissioner Marko, with a second from Commissioner McNally moved to approve.

ACTION:

Approved 5-0

Scott Sideman appeared to request a permit to drive an OPVH. Director Fields explained that Mr. Sideman had failed to fully disclose his background and his application was denied. After some discussion, Commissioner Wallen with a second from Commissioner McNally moved to approve.

Other Business

Director Fields presented a request from Devan Bhatt, owner of Kwik Cab, to Kwik Cab LLC to KAL LLC with no change in ownership. After some discussion, Commissioner Patel, with a second from Commissioner Wallen, moved to approve the request.

ACTION:

Approved 5-0

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

Billy Fields

Director/Executive Secretary

APPROVED:

Sal Hernández

Chairman