METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION LICENSING COMMISSION

Minutes

October 22, 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, Ben Jordan, Curt Wallen, Pat McNally and Rhonda Marko (7). Present were Metro Legal Advisers Theresa Costonis and Tara Ladd as well as TLC staff members Lisa Steelman 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 Marko with a second from Vice Chair Turner moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

ACTION:

Approved 6-0

Wrecker and Towing Services

Glenn McKnouckles applied for a permit to operate a wrecker, but was not present. Commissioner Wallen with a second from Vice Chair Turner moved to defer until the November meeting.

ACTION:

Approved 6-0

Christopher Stanford applied for a permit to operate a wrecker, but was not present. Commissioner Wallen with a second from Vice Chair Turner moved to defer until the November meeting.

ACTION:

Approved 6-0

Complete Auto Care applied to provide non-consent towing service. Director Fields explained the company was in compliance with the rules regarding non-consent towing. Commissioner Wallen with a second from Commissioner McNally moved to approve the request.

Taxicabs

Magic Taxi, represented by Perry Craft, appeared to present a new board, officers and manager for the company. Mr. Craft presented the new board listing as well as documentation from the Tennessee Secretary of States office. After some discussion, Commissioner Marko with a second from Commission Patel moved to accept the changes.

ACTION:

Approved 6-0

Mir S. Ali appeared to request a permit to operate as a taxicab driver. Director Fields stated that he did not fully disclose his background. Commissioner Patel with a second from Commissioner Marko moved to approve.

ACTION:

Approved 6-0

Abiy Mekurita applied for a permit to operate a taxicab, but was not present. Commissioner Jordan with a second from Commissioner Marko moved to defer until the November meeting.

ACTION:

Approved 6-0

Other Passenger Vehicles for Hire

Renaissance Limousine Service requested to add Yonathon Fekadu and Haregeweyin Tadese as partners. Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Marko moved to approve.

ACTION:

Approved 6-0

Mark Fleenor appeared to request a permit to operate as a OPVH driver. Director Fields stated that he did not fully disclose his background. Commissioner Patel with a second form Commissioner Jordan moved to approve.

ACTION:

Approved 6-0

Director Fields presented Certificate of Convenience and Necessity requests for the following OPVH applicants:

Accent America Debonair Black Car, LLC Novello VIP Services Pinnacle Star Limo Royal Limo Nashville LLC

Commissioner Marko with a second from Commissioner Jordan moved to approve.

ACTION:

Approved 6-0

Pedal Vehicles

Mitchell T. Gourley appeared to request a permit to operate a pedal carriage. Director Fields stated that he failed to fully disclose his background. Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Marko moved to approve.

ACTION:

Approved 6-0

Low Speed Vehicles

Cruzzin' appeared to request additional vehicles to operate in the downtown area as well as permission to operate LSVs in the Music Valley/Opryland Area. Michael Winters of Cruzzin' explained that Cruzzin' had been awarded a contract from the Opry Mills Mall to provide LSV service. His request would include permission to operate with the area bounded by Briley Parkway and the river including McGavock Pike and Music Valley drive as well as the private property of the mall and the Opryland Gaylord Resort. Director Fields explained that much of the property in question was private property and permission would be needed from the owners. After some discussion, Commissioner Marko with a second from Commission McNally moved to approve 15 LSVs to operate in the Music Valley/Opryland Area.

ACTION:

Approved 6-0

Commissioner Wallen with a second from Commissioner Jordon moved to approve 10 additional LSVs to operate in the downtown area.

ACTION:

Approved 6-0

Phillip J. Harrison appeared to request a permit to operate a LSV. Director Fields stated that he failed to fully disclose his background. Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Patel moved to approve the application

ACTION:

Approved 6-0

Robert G. Norman appeared to request a permit to operate a LSV. Director Fields stated that he failed to fully disclose his background. Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Marko moved to approve the application

ACTION:

Approved 6-0

OTHER BUSINESS

At the September TLC meeting during other business, Director Fields asked for guidance for the operating areas for the LSVs as well as pedal carriages. He presented a map prepared by the Metropolitan Traffic and Parking Commission staff outlining the area of operation for Joyride's LSV fleets. The maps indicated the streets which were appropriate (legal) for the LSVs to operate. After some discussion as well as input from the LSV industry, the CVC's Terry Clements as well as MNPD Sgt. John Bourque, Director Fields suggested that the area of operations should generally be the area inside the I-440 loop as well as the inner loop of downtown as well as areas into East Nashville and MetroCenter. Director Fields further explained that either the TLC Executive Director or the TLC could establish the operating area and said he would establish the areas of operation or zone with TLC guidance through an Administration Directive.

Director Fields also asked for guidance regarding the pedal carriage operating area since there had been several complaints. He also suggested that he could by an Administrative Directive establish areas where the pedal carriages may operate and would report back to the TLC.

Mr. Stanford was now present for consideration of his wrecker driver application. Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Marko move to reconsider.

ACTION:

Approved 6-0

Vice Chair Turner with a second from Commissioner Wallen moved to approve and restrict the permit to Connect 1 Recovery for one year.

ACTION:

Approved 6-0

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

ATTEST

Director/Executive Secretary

APPROVED:

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Chair