

**METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION LICENSING COMMISSION**

Minutes

February 25, 2016

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 Chair Tom Turner and Commissioners Sam Patel, Ben Jordan, Patrick McNally, and Rhonda Marko (6). Present were Metro Legal Advisers Theresa Costonis and Tara Ladd as well as TLC staff members Millie Carman, Lisa Steelman and Billy Fields.

The Chair 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 decisions.

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

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Public Hearing

The Chair opened a public hearing to consider lifting the suspension of taxicab Rule 3 and any potential revisions. The following persons spoke:

Johnny White
Michael Kizer
Devan Bhatt

Mehari Woldekin
Theo Morrison
Paul Soper

Doug Trimble
Ebenezer Mulugeta
Ernie Staton

After some discussion, Commissioner Patel moved to leave the rule suspended, but there was not a second. Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Marko moved to allow the rule to remain suspended, but place the issue on the August, 2016 agenda.

ACTION: Approved 3-2

Director Fields asked if the TLC wanted to take action on the request from NashVegas for additional taxicab permits. Vice Chair Turner moved, with a second from Commissioner Jordan to deny the request of NashVegas for an additional 100 taxicab permits.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

The Chair opened the public hearing on a horse and carriage rule which would establish a requirement to hold annual meetings to consider application for Certificates of Public Conveyance and necessity as well as applications for additional permits. Johnny Smith spoke. Director Fields explained that annual meetings were required for taxicabs as well as pedal vehicles and low speed vehicles so this rule would require the same of horse and carriages.

Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Patel moved to establish a rule establishing a requirement to hold annual meetings to consider application for Certificates of Public Conveyance and necessity as well as applications for additional permits for horse and carriages.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Wreckers and Towing Services

Director Fields asked that the complaint hearing against Lightning Towing/Recovery Service be deferred.

Director Fields presented a request from West Nashville Wrecker and Dad's Towing to allow Chase Mitchell be added as a partner. Commissioner Marko with a second from Commissioner Jordan moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Director Field presented a request from Ahmed Mizoury (dba Cisco Towing) to operate a general wrecker service. Director Fields explained that Mr. Mizoury was not eligible to be a wrecker driver, but was eligible to operate a company with TLC approval. After some discussion, Commissioner Marko with a second from Commissioner Jordan moved to approve the request.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

John Griffin requested a permit to operate a wrecker (deferred from January, 2016), but was not present. Commissioner Patel with a second from Vice Chair Turner moved to disapprove the application.

ACTION: Disapproved 5-0

Kevin Kingston appeared to request a permit to operate a wrecker. After some discussion, Commissioner Patel with a second from Commissioner McNally moved to approve the application and restrict permit to Cotton's/Tow Pro.

ACTION: Approved 4-1

Horse and Carriages

Melody Robinson (dba American Melody Carriages) appeared to request a Certificate of Convenience and Public Necessity to operate a Horse and Carriage Company. Director Fields shared that there was inadequate space for the existing Carriages in the stands and recommended disapproval. Commissioners Jordan moved to approve the application and allow four carriage permits but there was no second. Commissioner Patel with a second from Commissioner Jordan moved to defer action until the March meeting and requested comments from the Metropolitan Police as well as Traffic and Parking.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Taxicabs

Mohmoud Al-Buni appeared to request a permit to operate a taxicab. Commissioner Marko with a second from Commissioner Patel moved to approve the request.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Hendrix Ashrifi appeared to request a permit to operate a taxicab. Commissioner Patel with a second from Commissioner Marko moved to approve the request.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Hussien O. Nureini appeared to request a permit to operate a taxicab. Commissioner Patel with a second from Commissioner Jordan moved to approve the request.

ACTION: Approved 4-1

Low Speed Vehicles

Michael Mitchell appeared to request a permit to operate a low speed vehicle. Commissioner Patel with a second from Vice Chair Turner moved to approve the request.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Other Passenger Vehicles for Hire

Advent Limousine requested permission to change the operating name to Advent Transportation Services LLC. Commissioner Patel with a second from Vice Chair Turner moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Azimi Livery Service applied to operate an OPVH company. Commissioner Jordan with a second from Vice Chair Turner moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Billy Fields
Director/Executive Secretary

Sal Hernandez
Chairman