METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION LICENSING COMMISSION

Minutes
August 7, 2019

The Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Transportation Licensing Commission (TLC) met in a special called meeting on this date in the Jury Assembly Room of the Historic Courthouse. Present were Chair Sal Hernandez, Vice Chair Pat McNally and Commissioners Mona Lisa Warren, Freddy Carr and Sue Palmer (5). Present were Metro Legal Advisers Theresa Costonis and Tara Ladd along with TLC staff members Lisa Steelman and Billy Fields.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. then led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a reading of the Notice of Appeal Statement which outlined the right of appeal of TLC decisions.

The chair explained that the purpose of the meeting was pursuant to MCL Section 12.62.020.D., as enacted by the Metropolitan Council in Substitute Ordinance No. BL2019-1658. He stated that the Transportation Licensing Commission (TLC) was required to enact emergency regulations to govern the interim period of reduced SUMD fleet operation in Metro as well as operation after an operator has been selected pursuant to the RFP process outlined in that substitute ordinance.

The Chair opened the public hearing. The following individuals spoke:

Elaine Walker Ann Butterworth Gail Wells

The Chair asked if anyone else wanted to be heard and there were none and he called the public hearing.

Metropolitan Nashville Police Sgt. John Bourque was asked by Commissioner Palmer to comment on his views on SUMDs.

Metro Legal Adviser Costonis stated she had used the Metropolitan Code of Law 12.62 as well as subsequent ordinances which revised MCL 12.62 as well as the most recent change from the Metropolitan Council (BL 2019-1658) as well as rules and recommendations from the TLC to draft regulations which the TLC was considering.

After TLC discussion of the draft regulations, Director Fields suggested the SUMD industry had some commentary to offer regarding the regulations. James Weaver, representing Lime, spoke on the issue with respect to the TLC authority to implement regulations beyond what the Metropolitan Council had passed through ordinance. Ms. Costonis addressed this issue as well.

Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner McNally moved to create the following:

1. Slow zone – Broadway between 7th Ave. and the Cumberland River (parking SUMDs on Broadway is prohibited);
2. Slow zone – 2nd Ave. between Broadway and Union Street
3. No ride zone – any Metropolitan greenways
4. No ride zone – Within any Metropolitan Parks, except on paved streets located within the same.
5. No ride zone -- The Vanderbilt University and Vanderbilt University Medical Center areas shown on the attached Exhibit A.

ACTION: Approved 3-2 (Chair voted yes to break tie)

Vice Chair McNally with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to adopt the draft regulation as presented.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Director Fields reported that a report on violations of the dusk until dawn operation restrictions would be reported and each company asked to respond to the violations would occur at the August meeting.

Director Fields advised the TLC that a member could be placed on the RFP Draft Committee. Commissioner Warren with a second from Vice Chair McNally moved to place Commissioner Palmer on the Committee.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

ATTEST: APPROVED:

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Billy Fields Sal Hernandez Date
Director/Executive Secretary Chair