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ITEM #3

BOARD OF TAXICAB COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

Thursday, May 16, 2019

10:00 AM

CONVENED

The Board of Taxicab Commissioners convened a regular meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 10:05 AM in Room 1070, City Hall at 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ITEM NO. 1 – WELCOME

President Spiegelman called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present, noting that those wishing to testify before the Board must fill out a speaker's form. He informed the audience that if anyone is a registered lobbyist, City ordinance requires that it should be indicated on the speaker's form. He also reminded everyone that this session is being broadcast on Council Phone, to speak into the microphone and to silence cell phones.

ITEM NO. 2 – ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Boris Gorbis, Mampre Pomakian and Eric Spiegelman; Jay Kim, Assistant General Manager; Jarvis Murray, Taxicab Administrator

Absent: Commissioners Andrea Martinez and Jesse Noonan

Arrived After Roll Call: Seleta Reynolds, General Manager and Michael Nagle, Deputy Assistant City Attorney

ITEM NO. 3 – MINUTES

President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Pomakian to table the approval of the May 16, 2019 minutes until the next meeting. Unanimously APPROVED.

ITEM NO. 4 – COMMUNICATIONS

There was no communication reported.

ITEM NO. 5 – COMMISSION BUSINESS

There was no commission business.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENT

There was no neighborhood council comment taken.

PUBLIC FORUM

Public comments were taken.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM NO. 6 – APPEAL OF L.A. CHECKER CAB COOPERATIVE, INC., CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT’S RECOMMENDATION TO REVOKE FRANCHISE ORDINANCE 181423

Patricia Barker, Senior Transportation Investigator, presented the report. Jarvis Murray, Taxicab Administrator, also addressed the Board.

Question and answer session occurred.

Attorney Neil Evans was present and spoke on behalf of the appellant.

Public comments were taken.

President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Pomakian to table this appeal until the next meeting with the following suggested conditions: take Suggested Options 1 and 3 off the table, keep Suggested Option 2 (#s 2-9), keep penalty as is for now but reconsider it to include a reasonable payment schedule, consider the hard costs of modernizing the MDS and upgrading meters and any costs put upon LADOT that LA Checker should be responsible for, which may offset the penalty, and consider suggestions about what an inspection regime will look like. LA Checker is welcome to participate in the conversation by considering what it will take to detect a zipper, and what management action is taken and can be taken when a violation is found. Unanimously APPROVED.

Commissioner Gorbis moved, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman, to enter into Executive Session. Unanimously APPROVED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ITEM NO. 7 – APPEAL OF ROBERT WILLIAM FISHER, CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT’S FEBRUARY 6, 2019 CANCELLATION OF TAXICAB RIVER PERMIT #423489, PURSUANT TO BOARD ORDER 471, RULE 608R AND 617 – NO COMPANY SPONSOR

Patricia Barker, Senior Transportation Investigator, presented the report. The appellant was present and addressed the Board.

Question and answer session occurred.


President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Pomakian, to grant the appeal. Unanimously APPROVED.

President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Gorbis, to enter in Regular Session. Unanimously APPROVED.

ADJOURNMENT – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.7

With no further business before the Board of Taxicab Commissioners, President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Pomakian, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously APPROVED.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Approved: 6/20/19
Board of Taxicab Commissioners

Commission Executive Assistant

