

**Regular Meeting
Public Safety & Transportation Commission
Monday April 2, 2001**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members present were John Hastie, Kevin Carter, Tae Hwa Chung, Jim Blake, Don Poe, and John Dickens. Members absent were Mike O'Brien, Guy Mercurief, and Hugh Short, Jr. Ex-officio members present were Acting Police Chief George Dahl, Transportation Tech Andrew Steele, Cyndee Simpson-Sugar, and Janette Persinger. Also present by phone was City Attorney Louann Cutler.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Libby expressed the need to make the ordinance more user friendly. He also expressed concerns over the amount of time it would take to regulate the ordinance, point violations, trip logs, headlight use, the required first aid kit, drug screening, the additional annual inspections, and the off duty use of a cab.

**PEOPLE TO BE
HEARD**

Mr. Mazzaro expressed concerns over the length of time a person could be gone (on vacation) before a permit would be revoked. Mr. Mazzaro was informed that there would always be a hearing before a permit could be revoked. He was informed that it would be a good idea to let the Transportation Inspector know before leaving for an extended period of time.

Motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Dickens to approve the minutes of 2/26/01. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES 2/26/01 &
3/5/01**

Motion was made by Mr. Dickens and seconded by Mr. Carter to approve the agenda of 3/5/01. Motion carried unanimously.

The addition of Mr. Steele's recommendation of traffic signs was added to the agenda under new business. Motion was made by Mr. Blake and seconded by Mr. Dickens to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

There were no Chief's reports.

REPORTS

Transportation Technician Andrew Steele presented his report. The members of the Commission elected to read it through themselves. Mr. Steele has noticed an increase in customer reported complaints regarding the cab industry.

City Attorney Louann Cutler gave clarification of her memo dated March 28, 2001. There were five issues with the Vehicle for Hire Ordinance #01-02 that the City Council referred back to the Commission for further additional input.

**OLD BUSINESS
VEHICLE FOR HIRE
ORDINANCE**

The first issue was the limit on uninsured motorist coverage. The Council asked if the \$100,000.00 limit could be raised. After research by Ms. Cutler's office and discussion from the Commission it was decided that amount, \$100,000.00, was adequate coverage. The motion was made by Mr. Carter to accept \$100,000.00 as the limit of uninsured motorist coverage. Mr. Poe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The second issue was the trip sheet requirement. After extensive discussion it was motioned by Mr. Blake to leave the trip sheet requirement in the Ordinance. Mr. Chung seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The third issue was the requirement of the First Aid Kit. After discussion concerning liability and the appropriate supplies to be in the kit, Mr. Dickens moved to strike the requirement of the First Aid Kit. Mr. Poe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The fourth issue was the drug-testing requirement. The Council expressed an interest in having the pre-employment drug testing added back into the Ordinance; however, it was discussed by the Commission and decided that the removal of the pre-employment drug testing would stand as is. It will not be included in the Ordinance. Random and at fault testing would continue.

The fifth issue was the effective date of the Ordinance #01-02. Ordinance #01-12 gave an immediate effective date, which gave the cab industry the change of rate requested.

It was recommended by Ms. Cutler that because of the passage of #01-12 that the effective date of #01-02 be delayed to give the Commission more time to have hearings to decide if minimums and maximums need to be in place with regards to the fares. A motion was made by Mr. Carter to move the effective date of Ordinance #01-02 back sixty (60) days. Mr. Blake seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Acting Chief George Dahl volunteered to research the flow of traffic at the new post office and make recommendations regarding the traffic lanes.

City Manager Bob Herron reported that new signage would be added and changed according to the recommendations made by Transportation Technician Andrew Steele.

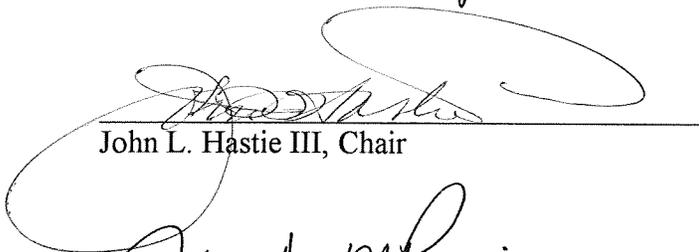
Motion was made by Mr. Carter to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Blake. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS
TRAFFIC FLOW AT
NEW POST OFFICE**

TRAFFIC SIGNS

ADJOURNMENT

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF August, 2001



John L. Hastie III, Chair



Janette M. Persinger, Recorder