

**Regular Meeting
Public Safety & Transportation Commission
October 2, 2000**

Chairperson Mary Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members present included James Blake, Mary Gregory, Guy Mercurief, Carl Berger, and John Hastie. Members absent included James Berlin and Tae Hwa Chung. Ex-Officio Members present included Chief Robert Petitt. Chief Petitt was the recorder.

ROLL CALL

None.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Chairperson Mary Gregory asked to have her comment about Watson's corner removed, as she didn't say that. Motion was made by Mr. Berger and seconded by Mr. Blake to accept the minutes of 8/11/00 as amended. There was a call for the question and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion was held to add items to the agenda under old and new business. It was suggested to add the telephonic conference call with attorney Jack Snodgrass regarding procedural issues to item A under old business and unlicensed and unlighted vehicles under item A of new business. Motion was made by Mr. Berger and seconded by Mr. Blake to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chief reported that his management report was included in the commission packet and he would answer any questions regarding the report. Some statistical questions were asked and answered regarding call for service. The Chief explained that many of the calls the department responds to do not fit into some of the crime classifications and therefore are captured as "other". The Chief is working with the software vendor to correct this reporting issue.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The Transportation Inspector reported that the DMV clerk is doing quite well and the DMV office has grossed \$92,625.00 since February 23, 2000.

**TRANSPORTATION
INSPECTORS REPORT.**

The first eighteen days of September, Andrew Steele was

on vacation, but the taxi permit payments were made and documented by the dispatch officers without incident. Due to the vigilant system for monitoring the taxi industry, the auditors found that the taxi revenue was over \$31,000 higher than the amount received for the same period last year.

Commissioner Hastie wanted to be sure the public was made aware that individuals' transporting loads that they secure the load to avoid a potential serious accident. Commissioner Berger had no comment. Commissioner Blake wanted to second what commissioner Hastie said about unsecured loads. He said that he was following a Bronco the other day that was carrying several 2x4's that were bouncing around. He said he had to back off because he didn't want to get tangled up with them if they fell off. Commissioner Mercurief expressed his concerns about the construction site for the new WAVE center. He said that he didn't think the warning signs were far enough down the roadway to warn of the construction danger. He also commented on the signs in the school zone. He said that the lights were not noticeable enough and possibly additional lights could be added to the signs on the side of the roadway. Commissioner Hastie commented on the hours of trash pick up and road grading and wondered if the city could adjust the hours in the areas where school kids are picked up to ensure their safety. Commission Chair Mary Gregory expressed her concern over cabs that are still using child restraint seats that are not approved. She also added her concerns about school buses and school zones.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

A telephonic conference was held with attorney Jack Snodgrass and a discussion ensued regarding the procedures to address the Terryl Miller licensing issue on taxi permit #73. A special meeting was set for October 9, 2000 at 7:00 pm to discuss the procedural issues.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Blake wanted to discuss the issue of unlighted and unlicensed vehicles. Basically, off road vehicles like three wheelers and four wheelers, dirt bikes and snow machines. These vehicles have been observed on the roadways and are creating a hazard. It was suggested that possibly a public service announcement would help to heighten the public awareness of this violation.

NEW BUSINESS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for the first Monday of November (November 6, 2000) at 7:00 pm in the city offices conference room.

NEXT MEETING

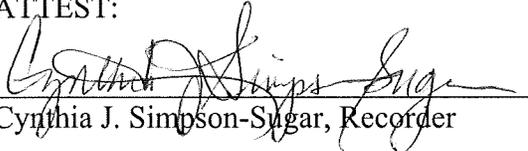
Mr. Berger moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Mr. Blake. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF December, 2000.



Mary M. Gregory, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Cynthia J. Simpson-Sugar, Recorder