

**Regular Meeting  
Public Safety & Transportation Commission  
Monday, June 11, 2001**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commission members present were James Blake, Tae Hwa Chung, Guy Mercurief, Hugh Short, Jr., and Don Poe. Ex-Officio members present were Acting Chief of Police George Dahl, Taxi Technician Andrew Steele, and Janette Persinger. City Attorney Louann Cutler was also present.

**ROLL CALL**

Transportation Technician Andrew Steele presented a chart regarding the possible income of the cab industry with the information that was gathered during his "rides" with the various cab companies. The purpose of this presentation was to provide the Commission with a more accurate picture of the possible income of the cab industry, so that when setting the fares the Commission would be able to make a more informed decision. A discussion followed involving various members of the cab industry.

**PEOPLE TO BE  
HEARD**

Members of the cab industry introduced the subject of tapes versus trip sheets.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 05/07/01 by Mr. Short, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Mercurief. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES OF 05/07/01**

Motion was made to approve the agenda by Mr. Blake and seconded by Mr. Poe. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

Acting Chief of Police George Dahl deferred to Andrew Steele to enable Andrew to present his report, which was relevant to the meeting. The DMV report was included in the packets along with copies of several comments that were made on the DDC regarding the cab industry. The comments were not favorable to the cab industry.

**CHIEFS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Steele proposed that the Commission empower him to send out a questionnaire to the cab industry in which the companies would give an account of their revenue and expenses. Mr. Steele also proposed that there be a sixty-day moratorium before the new rate structure would go into effect.

**OLD BUSINESS  
VEHICLE FOR HIRE  
ORDINANCE**

Ms. Cutler explained that it is important that the industry give an account to the Commission because the cab industry is a regulated business. She further explained that the Commission does have the power to subpoena all of the information, however would prefer the industries cooperation. After lengthy discussion, it was decided that before the information was solicited from the companies the memo would be forwarded to the Commission for approval.

The motion was made to adopt the current rate structure for an additional sixty days by Mr. Short. Seconded by Mr. Mercurief. The motion carried unanimously.

Clarification of pre-employment drug testing was made. The ordinance will read: the Commission "may" require pre-employment drug testing.

Insurance requirements for eight passenger vehicles were discussed. There had been a misunderstanding that the ordinance specifically said that suburbans would be required to carry higher limits of insurance. This is untrue and the matter was resolved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The issue of Superior Court Injunctive relief was addressed. Ms. Cutler explained that the language in which it was written is the standard language and is widely accepted.

It was suggested by Ms. Cutler that the discussion of trip sheets versus tapes be tabled until the next meeting when Chief of Police Robert Pettit would be available for comment.

Discussion ensued regarding compliance tickets and violations.

Motion for adjournment was made Mr. Poe. Seconded by Mr. Mercurief. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2001

  
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John L. Hastie III, Chair

  
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Janette M. Persinger, Recorder