

**Administrative Hearing & Regular Meeting
Public Safety & Transportation Commission
Monday, November 6, 2000**

Chairperson Mary Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Mary Gregory, Carl Berger, James Berlin, James Blake, Tae Hwa Chung, and John Dickens. Ex-officio members present: Chief Robert K. Petitt and Cyndee Simpson-Sugar, recorder. Members absent: John Hastie (excused), Guy Merculief, and Mike O'Brien.

ROLL CALL

Chief Petitt presented information to the Commission to consider revoking Yellow Cab taxi permit #131 issued to Kwang Joon Chon.

**HEARING TO
CONSIDER
REVOCATION OF
TAXICAB PERMIT
#131**

Motion was made by Mr. Berger and seconded by Mr. Berlin to table the hearing until after the minutes were approved and until further documentation was retrieved. Motion carried.

Mr. Dickens read aloud the minutes of October 2, 2000. Motion was made by Mr. Berger and seconded by Mr. Dickens to approve the minutes of October 2, 2000 as submitted. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES - 10/2/00**

Mr. Berger read aloud the minutes of October 16, 2000. Motion was made by Mr. Blake and seconded by Mr. Dickens to approve the minutes of October 16, 2000 as amended. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES - 10/16/00**

The hearing to consider revocation of taxicab permit number 131 was continued. Chief Petitt presented information as to why taxi permit #131, held by Mr. Kwang Joon Chon, who drives for Yellow Cab, should be revoked. Documents presented included a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Chon with proof of certified mailing and return receipt with his signature. Discussion followed on which sections of the ordinance were violated. It was confirmed that Mr. Chon had not responded.

**HEARING TO
CONSIDER
REVOCATION OF
TAXICAB PERMIT
#131**

Motion was made by Mr. Berger and seconded by Mr. Blake to revoke Taxicab Permit #131. A roll call vote was taken.

Mary Gregory - Yes
Carl Berger - Yes
James Berlin - Yes
James Blake - Yes
Tae Hwa Chung - Yes
John Dickens - Yes

Motion carried unanimously. The Chief will draft a letter of revocation on behalf of the Commission.

Motion was made by Mr. Blake and seconded by Mr. Berger to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

The Police Department is still working with software to sort-out the different classifications of crimes with regard to statistics. The PSA regarding safety for children on the streets was given to both radio stations and newspapers. There has not been a PSA done regarding covering of loads on trucks.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Petitt gave a staffing update. BPD is at 60% staffing and that is why over time has been so high. He said that overtime is trying to be kept as low as possible while still maintaining the safety of the officers. A nationwide search for the Lieutenant is being conducted and four or five good applicants have been received to date. Recruitment for the lieutenant position will close January 15, 2001. The Department is also actively recruiting for police officers and have sent out about 20 application packets to date.

Chief Petitt said that he will be attending the International Chiefs of Police Conference in San Diego, California. He will be actively recruiting and sharing information with other Chiefs of Police. He commented that recruitment for police officers is a nationwide problem and that he has placed job openings on three Internet sites. Better response has been received from these postings than from the traditional methods of advertising. Discussion followed on recruitment efforts locally and statewide.

Chief Petitt expressed his frustration and disappointment with the Commission in regard to the Terryl Miller case. The City's attorney Louann Cutler and Chief Petitt have been working on a new vehicle for hire ordinance. The Chief reported that the first draft has been completed and he is expecting the 2nd one any time. The ordinance will then be sent to Michelle Power for her review. Hopefully it will be sent to council on November 21, 2000.

**TRANSPORTATION
INSPECTOR'S
REPORT**

Chief Petitt read the Transportation Technician's report. He also reported that the DMV has moved to their new location and applauded the PST Commissioner who made the suggestion of moving into the courthouse concession area.

Motion was made by Mr. Berger and seconded by Mr. Blake to amend the agenda to include "People to Be Heard after the Transportation Inspector's Report. Motion carried.

There were no people to be heard.

**PEOPLE TO BE
HEARD**

Mr. Dickens shared concern about people crossing the road between the Hospital and the New YKHC building. He has watched several close calls and commented that it is only a matter time before we have a serious injury or fatality in the area. There was discussion on the problem and possible solutions such as an illuminated crosswalk or a 24-hour hospital zone with flashing lights. Chief Petitt will draft a letter to D.O.T. expressing the Commission's concern. Mr. Berger said that he would bring the issue before Council.

**COMMISSIONER
COMMENTS**

Chairperson Gregory indicated that her term is coming to an end 12/31/00 and she is not going to ask to be renewed. She said that she is glad to have served the community in this way.

Ms. Gregory stated that while riding in a cab she noticed that the cab was using one of the old child restraints that had been presented as a problem at a previous meeting. It had been painted blue with spray paint and was still being used. Chief Petitt said that in the last round of inspections that particular seat was confiscated.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Chung told the Commission that juveniles have been throwing eggs, dirt, and rocks head-on at cabs. The problem areas are near AC, housing, trailer court, and hospital housing. Mr. Chung said that the cab industry gets discouraged in reporting because there is not a quick response. Mr. Chung said that they can identify the kids and know their addresses. Chief Petitt encouraged the cab industry to report each incident with as much information as possible. Even though they may not be able to respond immediately, they will be able to collect the information and find the juveniles responsible. He also said that it is his intention to assign officers to these hot spots once the BPD is more fully staffed.

Motion was made by Mr. Blake and seconded by Mr. Berger to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, December 4, 2000.

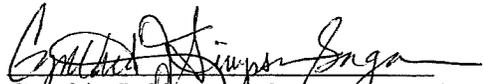
ADJOURNMENT

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8 DAY OF January, ²⁰⁰¹~~2000~~.



Mary M. Gregory, Chairperson
John L. HASTIE II.

ATTEST:



Cynthia J. Simpson-Sugar, Recorder