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ITEM #3

BOARD OF TAXICAB COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

10:00 AM

CONVENED

The Board of Taxicab Commissioners convened a regular meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 10:03 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, Andrea Martinez, Jesse Noonan and Eric Spiegelman; Seleta Reynolds, General Manager; Jay Kim, Assistant General Manager; Jarvis Murray, Taxicab Administrator; Jonathan Groat, Deputy City Attorney I

Absent: Commissioner Mampre Pomakian

Arrived After Roll Call: Michael Nagle, Deputy City Attorney IV

ITEM NO. 3 – MINUTES

President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Gorbis to approve the minutes of April 18, 2019. Unanimously APPROVED.

President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Gorbis to approve the minutes of May 16, 2019. By a vote of 3-0 minutes are APPROVED. Commissioner Noonan abstained from voting.

ITEM NO. 4 – COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Gorbis introduced into discussion a letter and petition, signed by over 400 taxi drivers, expressing their opposition to the planned closing of taxi stands at Los Angeles International Airport. The letter and petition was hand delivered to LADOT headquarters and distributed to the Board via email.

Question and answer session occurred.

Item will be placed on the next regular meeting's agenda for more discussion.

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

Jarvis Murray, Taxicab Administrator, presented the report. This report was continued from the May 16 meeting and includes additional information per the Board's recommendations.

Question and answer session occurred.

Attorney Neil Evans was present and spoke on behalf of the appellant. Michael Geiler also addressed the Board on behalf of LA Checker.

Public comments were taken.

President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Martinez , to select Suggested Option 2 as presented in the June 20 report, lowering the gross fine from \$335,000 to \$200,000, which is reducible by the cost of MDS compliance to a floor of \$105,600; if the cost of MDS compliance exceeds \$94,400, LA Checker will bear the additional cost; the time frame for payment of the fine is 10 months or \$20,000 per month for 10 months; however, compliance with MDS and all other aspects of Suggested Option 2, particularly anything with a deadline, must be completed by December 31, 2019. Motion carries by a vote of 3-0. APPROVED. Commissioner Gorbis abstained from voting.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ITEM NO. 7 – Appeal of Isaac Abramian concerning the cancellation of Taxicab Driver Permit 522783, pursuant to Board Order 471, Rule 615R

Patricia Barker, Senior Transportation Investigator, presented the report. The appellant was present and addressed the Board. The appellant was not present.

Question and answer session occurred.


President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to deny 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 Gorbis to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously APPROVED.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Approved: 7/18/19
Board of Taxicab Commissioners

Commission Executive Assistant