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ITEM #3

BOARD OF TAXICAB COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

10:00 AM

CONVENED

The Board of Taxicab Commissioners convened a regular meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 10:04 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, and Eric Spiegelman; Seleta Reynolds, General Manager; Jay Kim, Assistant General Manager; Jarvis Murray, Taxicab Administrator; Michael Nagle, Deputy City Attorney IV

Absent: Commissioners Jesse Noonan and Mampre Pomakian

ITEM NO. 3 – MINUTES

Commissioner Gorbis moved, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman, to approve the minutes of June 20, 2019. Unanimously APPROVED.

ITEM NO. 4 – COMMUNICATIONS

Jarvis Murray, Taxicab Administrator, addressed the Board, introducing Michelle Boehm, Mayor Garcetti's new Director of Transportation.

Michelle Boehm addressed the Board stating that she's pleased to be here, and that she is looking forward to learning what the taxi industry's challenges are and doing the work to make sure this industry continues to be a part of Los Angeles' future.

ITEM NO. 5 – COMMISSION BUSINESS

Election of President and Vice-President (Item No. 5, a & b) – Although a quorum was present, President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to table the election of officers until the next meeting when more members are available to vote. Unanimously APPROVED.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENT

There was no neighborhood council comment taken.

PUBLIC FORUM

Public comments were taken.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ITEM NO. 6 – TAXI AND PTV STUDY UPDATE

Joe Iacobucci of Sam Schwartz Transportation Consultants addressed the Board to present the findings and updates pertaining to the Taxi and PTV Study. Seleta Reynolds, General Manager, and Jarvis Murray, Taxicab Administrator, also addressed the Board, both assisting with answering the Board's questions to Mr. Iacobucci.

Question and answer session occurred.

Mr. Murray stated that updates and a draft report will be provided to the Commission at the September meeting.

Public comments were taken.

Commissioner Gorbis requested a draft report on vehicle requirements to include a contingency plan to employ while transitioning to a new framework. Mr. Murray agreed to provide a draft report at an upcoming meeting.

ITEM NO. 7 – DISCUSSION OF LETTER AND PETITION FROM TAXICAB DRIVERS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF TAXI STANDS AT LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Commissioner Gorbis began the discussion on this item, commenting on whether the Commission should take a position on this matter, given that the Airport has their own agreements in place with the taxi companies.

Public comments were taken


Question and answer session occurred.

President Spiegelman suggested that Commissioner Gorbis reach out to the LAWA team to get more information from those who have jurisdiction over this matter.

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 11:58 A.M.

Approved: 8/15/19
Board of Taxicab Commissioners

Commission Executive Assistant

