

TAXI COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes of the January 20, 2004 meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sanford called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

Present: Chair Sanford, Members Daggett, Feehley, Lt. Winsor, Councilor Whitehouse, and Sgt. DuBois.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 15, 2003

Frank Daggett moved to accept the minutes of the December 15, 2003 Taxi Commission meeting. Councilor Whitehouse seconded the motion, voted all in favor.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Nomination of Chair

Frank Daggett moved to reappoint Betty Sanford as Chair of the Taxi Commission. Councilor Whitehouse seconded the motion, voted all in favor.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. New Year's Eve Report

James Feehley reported that next year unless a police cruiser is in front of Banana's that they will not pick up due to crowd violence. Frank Daggett said that the taxi could park at the taxi stand and not in front of that business.

Gary Moran and James Feehley also noted concerns with pickups in front of Jack Quigley's.

Councilor Whitehouse said he wanted to refer back on this issue again and requested a letter on record regarding the problem.

Lt. Winsor noted that there are not enough police officers and vehicles to be in front of every bar. He said that taxis should park in the taxi stand and park there. He said the Police Department refers people to the taxi stand for service.

2. Sunshine Taxi – Request for Medallion (not on agenda)

Chair Sanford said she received a letter from Sunshine Taxi requesting an extension on his medallion request. Frank Dagget moved to accept the request for a second medallion to be issued within thirty days. Councilor Whitehouse seconded the motion, voted all in favor.

3. Doug's Taxi – Request for Medallion (not on agenda)

Frank Daggett moved to accept the request from Doug's Taxi for a second medallion. Councilor Whitehouse seconded the motion, voted all in favor.

4. Taxi Stand - Market Street (not on agenda)

Frank Daggett questioned if there are problems using the stand after 6:00 p.m. James Feehley responded that if a vehicle is in the taxi stand then the taxi drives to the other stand. Frank Daggett recommends that if it is problem then the police should ticket.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lt. Winsor introduced Sgt. DuBois and explained that he would assist with taxi enforcement and ultimately be the permanent replacement.

Lt. Winsor also reported that Devine Transportation, Cheryl Bushman, has a transportation business from Portsmouth to Logan. He spoke to her about city taxi ordinances and she admitted that was operating as taxi and would stop.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Frank Daggett moved to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Councilor Whitehouse seconded the motion, voted all in favor.

Minutes taken and typed by: B. Christopher Maxwell, Deputy City Clerk