

TAXI COMMISSION MEETING  
Minutes of the March 16, 2009 meeting

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. ATTENDANCE**

Present: Members: Chair Frank Daggett; Councilor Eric Spear, Commissioners, James Feehley, Peter Bresciano, Joel Look and Kent Kirkpatrick, Lieutenant Michael Schwartz and Deputy City Clerk Dianne M. Kirby

**III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

Chair Daggett stated that the February 16, 2009 minutes need to be amended to reflect that Sergeant Schwartz was promoted to Lieutenant Schwartz prior to the last meeting. Commissioner Look moved to approve and accept the amended minutes of the February 16, 2009, Taxi Commission meeting. Seconded by Councilor Spear and voted.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

(There were no items under this section of the Agenda)

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Market Street Downtown Improvement – Report Back

Commissioner Feehley stated that he attended the Parking Committee meeting on March 12, 2009. He stated that Deputy Police Chief Len DiSesa said they have had no problems with the taxi stand being on the right and therefore, no change would be made. Chair Daggett stated that he has seen the police cars parked on the street and not in their designated parking space. Commissioner Feehley stated unfortunately, we will have to have a serious accident before any action is taken to correct this safety issue. Chair Daggett stated the Commission will just have to put this issue on hold until something happens.

2. Handicap Taxi

Commissioner Look stated that he has not made much progress on this matter. He said there is an agency that will have vans in the area, but they will only be for their members. Commissioner Bresciano stated the present Senior Citizen's van is a good deal. Commissioner Look stated they do not transport at night, which is what many handicapped people are looking for. He said he is trying to find someone with a van that is equipped with a lift that would be able to handle the heavy chairs. Commissioner Bresciano said he didn't think he will ever find that. He said the cost is very high and taxi owners don't want to fund it. Commissioner Look stated that he is looking for someone to sponsor it. Commissioner Bresciano stated it would have a very large financial output. Chair Daggett stated it would be

at least \$800.00 a month for insurance. Commissioner Look stated he was looking for programs with grants or state aid. Commissioner Bresciano stated the only problem with grants and state aid is that when the grant or state aid ends, who picks up the program. Chair Daggett stated that until we have more firm information on this issue we will take it off the agenda.

3. Winter Vehicle Inspection

Lieutenant Schwartz stated that Lieutenant McQuate feels the condition of the taxi fleet has improved to the point that one inspection a year would be sufficient. Chair Daggett stated the fleet has vastly improved from the past and he doesn't want the Commission to get complacent and let it become like it was. He asked the Commissioners and Taxi Owners if anyone had any objection to waiting until June. There were no objections voiced. Commissioner Bresciano suggested we have the inspection in June and check the results against the results of the last inspection. He said this can be done each inspection and when we see a slip, we go back to two inspections a year. Chair Daggett agreed.

**VI. MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Review of Taxi Ordinance

Councilor Spear stated that the Fees Committee has drafted an ordinance change regarding proposed prorating of annual taxi licenses. He said a report back from the Fees Committee on this issue was on the City Council agenda for this evening.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:13 a.m., Councilor Spear moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Bresciano and voted.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dianne M. Kirby, Deputy City Clerk