

TAXI COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes of the August 17, 2009 meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frank Daggett called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

Present: Members: Chair Frank Daggett; Councilor Eric Spear, Commissioners, James Feehley, Peter Bresciano, Kent Kirkpatrick, and Joel Look, Robert Sullivan, City Attorney, Lieutenant Michael Schwartz and City Clerk Kelli L. Barnaby

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 15, 2009

Councilor Spear moved to approve and accept the minutes of the June 15, 2009, Taxi Commission meeting. Seconded by Peter Bresciano and voted.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Taxi Operator's License Appeal – Ronald Ford

Chair Daggett informed the Taxi Commission that Mr. Ford has withdrawn his request for appeal.

2. Proposed Ordinance Change

Chair Daggett said that inspections of taxicabs is very important and does not feel comfortable waiting 15 months in between inspections. The attached proposed ordinance will require that inspections take place annually in June.

Peter Bresciano moved to accept the proposed amendment to the Taxi Ordinance and to forward the ordinance to the City Council for review and consideration. Seconded by Councilor Spear and voted.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Daggett asked if there is a proposal to move forward or concerns with any of the information Mr. Look provided relative to a handicap taxi van.

Lieutenant Schwartz informed the Taxi Commission that he is unaware of an industry standard for inspecting handicap vans for use as a taxi. He also indicated that there are no personnel within the Police Department that have the experience and knowledge to conduct that type of inspection. Mr. Look responded that there are industry standards for these types of inspections and suggested the Police Department could use that as a method for conducting inspections of handicap vans. Lieutenant Schwartz further stated that there are no personnel in the department that have the certification for those inspections.

Chair Daggett suggested that Mr. Look continue to work on the issue of a handicap taxi van and bring any detailed information forward to the Commission for consideration. Mr. Look suggested that he bring the issue forward to the State Legislature for consideration.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Feehley moved to adjourn. Seconded by Lieutenant Schwartz and voted.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, CMC/CNHMC
City Clerk