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MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2016 BOARD MEETING AND HEARING

1. Call to Order

Chairman Stan Olsen called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chairman Stan Olsen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Administrator Ronald Grogan stated the meeting is in compliance with Open Meeting Law.

4. Introduction of Roger Thompson as Board Member of the Nevada Taxicab Authority Board

Chairman Stan Olsen introduced and welcomed Roger Thompson to the Taxicab Authority Board.

5. In Remembrance of Kelly Kuzik

Chairman Stan Olsen expressed that the loss of Kelly Kuzik is significant and terrible not only for his family but for the Taxicab Authority as well. Administrator Grogan expressed that Kelly Kuzik will be greatly missed. He provided an invaluable service and wealth of knowledge to the Taxicab Authority and to the industry.

6. Recognition of the Career and Retirement of Gina Giglio

Chairman Olsen expressed that a career in law enforcement is a difficult one and that he wishes to acknowledge Investigator Gina Giglio's more than two decades of service in the safety of the community and the industry.

Administrator Grogan expressed that Investigator Giglio was the most senior investigator on the Taxicab Authority staff and that it will be extremely difficult to replace her. Administrator Grogan congratulated Investigator Giglio and expressed that she will be greatly missed. Administrator Grogan presented Investigator Giglio with a letter from Governor Sandoval thanking her for her service, congratulating her on her retirement, and wishing her well in her future endeavors.

Investigator Giglio thanked Administrator Grogan, Board Members, and the taxicab industry for a wonderful career.

7. Public Comment

Jonathan Schwartz, Director of Yellow Checker Cab, welcomed Chairman Stan Olsen and Member Roger Thompson to the Taxicab Authority Board. Mr. Schwartz introduced Sandy Shaver as YCS' new General Manager.

Sandy Shaver thanked Desert Cab, the Balaban family, and George Balaban for 23 years of mentoring him and preparing him for his new position with YCS.

Bill, driver for Checker Cab, commented on the statistics for May and stated that the general consensus among drivers is that they are down \$1000 in monthly income. Bill recommended that the additional medallions granted in 2015 be removed from service.

8. Approval of the May 19, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

All in favor - motion passes.

9. Discussion with Maria Soto, Traffic Manager for LVCVA, Regarding Recent Taxicab Service

Maria Soto stated taxicab service has been good and they appreciate the help from field supervisors during the large conventions. Ms. Soto stated that their Bronze Lot is open and has helped eliminate some traffic issues. Ms. Soto further stated LVCVA is still experiencing some traffic issues due to construction around the convention center and expects the project to be completely finished by October.

10. Discussion with Freddie Kirtley, Assistant Director, Landside Operations, McCarran International Airport, Regarding Recent Taxicab Service.

Freddie Kirtley was not present for the meeting.

11. Discussion with Jeff White, Security Manager, Sands Expo, Regarding Recent Taxicab Service

Jeff White was not present for the meeting but asked Maria Soto to relay for him that taxicab service has been great.

12. Discussion to Schedule the December 2016 Board Meeting Date

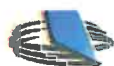
It was decided that the board will meet on December 8, 2016 at 9 a.m.

13. Discussion Regarding the June 20, 2016, Meeting of the Executive Branch Audit Committee Relating to the Taxicab Authority

Administrator Grogan reported to the audit committee that some of the recommendations set forth in the January 2016 Taxicab Authority audit have been implemented such as the enforcement staff staying within their job duties and a great working relationship between the Taxicab Authority Board and the Taxicab Authority staff. Outstanding issues remain relating to the 8 cent fee and the credit card fee. These issues will be addressed during the annual review of rates. Identified issues are anticipated to be fixed by the end of January 2017, one year from the initial audit.

14. Discussion Regarding the June 16, 2016, Meeting of the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission Relating to the Taxicab Authority

Administrator Grogan addressed the events that occurred at the Sunset Subcommittee meeting. The outcome resulted in a vote to combine both the Taxicab Authority and the Nevada Transportation Authority under one new department. Administrator Grogan expressed that there are many obstacles to the recommendation coming to fruition and as of now the direction is to continue business as usual.



15. Staff Report

a. Administrator's Report

Administrator Grogan addressed photos he has been receiving showing wiring from taxicab top hats being wrapped around airbags. He stated this is a significant safety issue for both drivers and passengers. He asked that the taxicab companies exercise increased due diligence in this matter and ensure the wiring is properly installed.

Administrator Grogan stated that the consultant firm Transportation Research Partners will be reaching out to the industry for further information on the taxicab business in Clark County.

Administrator Grogan added that the RFP for office modernization has been submitted and he is hoping to get that launched quickly to improve efficiency and to provide better service to the industry.

b. Chief Investigator's Report

Chief Aquino stated 1568 calls for service came through dispatch in the month of May. Enforcement issued 283 citations with over 350 violations. Court resolved over 408 cases in the month of May. There were over 750 vehicles inspected in May. There was one impound in May.

Chief Aquino stated the current issue facing enforcement is a staff shortage and the difficulty recruiting and hiring law enforcement at this time. This shortage extends to LVMPD as well as Henderson Police Department. Currently there are 11 open sworn positions at the Taxicab Authority and 5 investigators on light duty or administrative leave. The Taxicab Authority is currently down 30% in enforcement staff. Chief Aquino stated a new investigator was hired and is currently being trained for special teams focusing on gypsy cabs and long hauls.

c. Stats for February 2016

Annette Watson on behalf of the Nevada Taxicab Authority was present to answer any questions or concerns regarding the monthly stats. Member Roger Thompson asked if decreased revenue is a result of the TNCs. Ms. Watson stated she is unable to answer that question. The audience did confirm that it is their belief the TNCs have caused the loss in income. Member Thompson stated that taxicabs are essential to Las Vegas tourism and he believes the taxicab industry needs to be competitive with the TNCs.

d. Future Agenda Items

Administrator Grogan stated he anticipates the Transportation Research Partners and their consultant work on behalf of the Taxicab Authority will be an agenda item every month for the remainder of the year.

16. Report of Legal Counsel

Deputy Attorney General Sophia Long reported that there will be a class on Open Meeting Law, Administrative Rulemaking, Administrative Hearings, and how to remain ADA compliant scheduled for September or October of 2016. She will provide information once she has specific dates, times and locations.



17. Public Comment

John Marushok, General Manager Frias Transportation, wished to express his condolences on behalf of Frias for the loss of Kelly Kuzik. He will be missed.

Sam Moffitt, driver/union representative, stated he believes the loss in revenue for the drivers is a direct result of the additional medallions granted by the Taxicab Authority Board in 2015. He asks that these medallions be taken off the road and not be brought back until there is a definite demand for them.

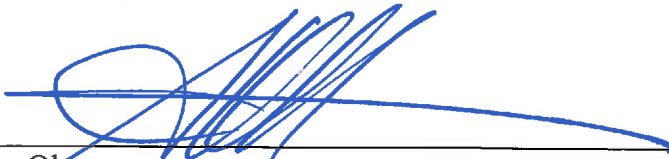
Ruthie Jones, ITPEU, welcomes Member Roger Thompson. Ms. Jones offered her condolences on the loss of Kelly Kuzik. Ms. Jones addressed violence that is beginning between the drivers and TNCs. Ms. Jones suggests that the industry here find out how other cities were able to get rid of the TNCs and use similar tactics to remove TNCs from Las Vegas.

Jay Nady, Owner A Cab, stated that last year's May numbers were the highest ever and that is due to the Mayweather Pacquiao fight. Mr. Nady expressed that he would be surprised to see numbers like that again. Mr. Nady addressed concerns about too many taxicabs being on the road by stating that he does not put out taxicabs unless there is a demand and they are making money.

18. Adjournment

All in favor of adjournment – motion passes.

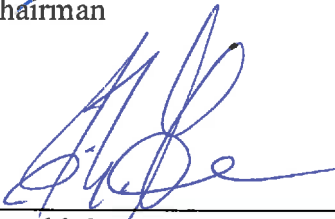
Approved by:



 Stan Olsen
 Chairman

7-21-16

 Date



 Ronald Grogan
 Taxicab Authority Administrator

6/28/2016

 Date

