

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 9, 2016
County Commissioners Board Room
601 E. Kennedy Blvd., 2nd Floor

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Public Transportation Commission was called to order by Chairman Victor Crist at 9:23 a.m. The following members were present:

*Victor Crist, Chair
Frank Reddick
Guido Maniscalco
David Pogorilich
Al Higginbotham
Cindy Oster
Kyle Cockream
Brett Saunders
Kimberly Kerwin*

*Board of County Commissioner
City of Tampa
City of Tampa
Temple Terrace
Board of County Commissioner
Senior Assistant County Attorney
Executive Director
Chief Inspector
Administrative Specialist II*

2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & AGENDA

The invocation and pledge was given by Commissioner Crist, and the swearing in of witnesses was Administered by Chief Inspector Brett Saunders. Councilman Reddick motioned to approve the agenda with the additional consent items added, it was seconded by Councilman Pogorilich and unanimously approved.

3. IN THE NEWS

A. Florida Taxicab Association - Commercial was shown to educate the public on ride sharing.

B. Uber Driver – Kalamazoo shooting news clip was shown to remind the public of why it is so important it is to have fingerprint and background checks.

C. Uber – Uber Houston’s web page had the availability to “download the fingerprint form and go to a third party vender to have it done“

4. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Audience participation was given 45 minutes (2 minutes per individual). The below individuals spoke: (Please Visit: <http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/index.aspx?nid=274/> to purchase a copy of the video or download a copy of the captioning for full details.)

*A. Robert Searcy
B. Jeremy Jenkins
C. Brook Negusei*

Councilman Pogorilich motioned to approve the audience participation, it was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco and unanimously approved. (closed)

5. CONSENT ITEMS

Councilman Pogorilich motioned to approve the consent items, it was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco and unanimously approved. (closed)

6. ATTORNEYS REPORT

None

7. DIRECTORS REPORT

A. 2016 Legislative Session Summary - Update

Mr. Cockcream advised the board on Matt Blair's Legislative summary is in the back-up of their agenda.

B. Downtown Partnership - Presentation

Ms. Karen Kress from the Downtown Partnership gave a presentation on slow moving vehicles that would operate only within the Downtown boundaries.

Councilman Pogorilich motioned to approve PTC to submit a resolution of support in the Downtown Shuttle Program, it was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco, and unanimously approved. (closed)

C. Four Options in Dealing with Transportation Network Company (TNC) Issues

Mr. Cockcream and Mrs. Oster briefed the board on the following four options:

Option 1: Create an ordinance from scratch.

Option 2: Initiate the rule making process.

Option 3: Enter in to a settle agreement with Lyft and Uber to resolve temporary litigation.

Option 4: Resume litigation.

Motion 1: Commissioner Higginbotham motioned to resume enforcement on the TNC's if nothing is done in Tallahassee, it was seconded by Councilman Pogorilich, and unanimously approved. (closed)

Motion 2: Commissioner Higginbotham motioned to move forward in addressing 2D 15-0621 if litigation fails in Tallahassee, it was seconded Councilman Reddick, and unanimously approved. (closed)

Motion 3: Councilman Maniscalco motioned have the Rules & Policy Committee initiate rule changes to bring the TNC's under the PTC rules, it was seconded by Councilman Reddick, and unanimously approved. (closed)

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Taxicab, Limousine, and Van Workshop - Update

Mr. Cockcream advised the board of the upcoming Rules & Policy Committee Meeting scheduled for March 22, 2016, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., 18th Floor.

Councilman Pogorilich motioned to have Rules & Policy Committee develop rules that would create a sub category involving slow moving vehicles to operate legally in Hillsborough County, it was seconded by Commissioner Higginbotham, and unanimously approved. (closed)

B. Taxicab, Limousine, and Van FY16 2nd Six Month Payments

Mr. Cockcream advised the board the 2nd six month billing cycle of FY16 requires a motion to either reduce or not reduce the permit fees by 25%.

Commissioner Higginbotham motioned to disapprove reducing the 2nd billing cycle of FY16, and for FY17 billing to be brought to the commission for further review, it was seconded by Councilman Reddick, and unanimously approved. (closed)

C. B2 Communication - Update

Mr. Kyle Parks updated the board on the two options for public awareness. One is the Airport baggage claim monitors, and two personal outreach to include helping get the word out about the \$4.00 flat rate, contacting the Hotels, work with the Downtown Partnership, news media, bus shelters, informational flyers, and a \$4.00 leaflet flyer.

Councilman Maniscalco motioned to approve, it was seconded by Councilman Pogorilich. Councilman Reddick voted nay. (closed)

9. NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Pogorilich motioned to approve adding United Cab – Rob Searcy’s request under New Business, it was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco.

Robert Searcy requested a 60 day extension on 26 of United Cab Companies vehicles the have aged out and needed to be replaced with newer year vehicles.

Councilman Pogorilich motioned to approve a 60 day extension until June 1, 2016, it was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco and unanimously approved. (closed)

A. BOCC Lobbying Protocol

Mr. Cockream recommended the board revisit this item in 90 days pending the outcome of the County ordinance. (open)

B. Request for Variance/Waiver

1. Executive Motor Carriage

Mr. Cockream briefed the board on a waiver request submitted by Executive Motor Carriage to permit a 2005 Lincoln Towncar with 378,035 miles. Mr. Cockream recommended not granting the waiver due to the quality of the vehicle.

Councilman Pogorilich motioned to disapprove the waiver request, it was seconded by Commissioner Higginbotham, and unanimously approved. (closed)

C. Public Hearings

1. Alternative Transportation Systems, LLC.

Hearing Officer Susan More recommends not granting Alternative Transportation Systems, LLC a certificate along with the twenty five unrestricted handicab permits. A motion was filed by Alternative Transportation Systems, LLC for a continuance. Continuance was approved during the February PTC Board meeting on a month by month basis. Mr. Cockream recommended continuing the continuance until the April meeting.

Councilman Pogorilich motion to approve the continuance, it was seconded by Commissioner Higginbotham, and unanimously approved. (open)

2. Limousine Certificate

a. Showtime Transportation of Tampa, Inc.

Hearing Officer Susan More recommends granting Showtime Transportation of Tampa, Inc. a certificate along with four unrestricted limousine permits.

Councilman Pogorilich motion to approve, it was seconded by Commissioner Higginbotham, and unanimously approved. (closed)

b. Mayko Transportation, LLC.

Hearing Officer Susan More recommends granting Mayko Transportation a certificate along with one unrestricted limousine permit.

Commissioner Higginbotham motion to approve, it was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco, and unanimously approved. (closed)

c. Siminole Transportation

Hearing Officer Susan More recommends granting Siminole Transportation a certificate along with twelve unrestricted limousine permits.

Councilman Pogorilich motion to approve, it was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco, and unanimously approved. (closed)

D. Revocations Hearing - February 26, 2016

Mr. Cockream advised the board of the revocation hearing that was held on February 26, 2016 at the PTC office. Mr. Cockream recommended amending the Hearing Officers Revocation Order by removing A Above all and Barracuda for they had paid their fees.

Commissioner Higginbotham approved the amended order, it was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco, and unanimously approved.

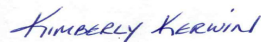
E. Public Vehicle Driver's License Denial Appeals

1. Michael Malliet – Represented by Carey Limousine

Mr. Malliet was not present for his appeal. Councilman Pogorilich motioned to defer to next month, the motion was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco. After discussion with Mr. Cockream, motion was withdrawn by Councilman Pogorilich. Councilman Pogorilich motioned to approve Mr. Malliet's PVDL, it was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco, and unanimously approved. (closed)

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Crist adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.



Kimberly Kerwin
Public Transportation Commission

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