

**Taxicab Board Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2010**

Members Present: Sarah Singleton Tom Crawford
 Barbara Krick Tom Oldakowski
 Stephen Kunselman Douglas Chapman

Members Absent: None

Guests:

Officer Bill Clock, AADP
Mark Waus, Blue Cab
Kristin Reid, Select Ride
Marlanie Reid, Select Ride
Tariq Khan, US Taxi
Tim Tobias, Michigan Green Cabs
Jeffrey Bemmer, Select Ride
Cesar Flores, M)Taxi

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Barbara Krick.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Sarah Singleton asked that an additional company application (Caflor Industries operating as M Taxi) be added to the agenda under new business.

TAXICAB ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Tom Crawford updated the Board on relocating taxicab stands. Information has been forwarded to the DDA and Mr. Crawford is still waiting for a response on this issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Taxicab Board meeting minutes, May 27, 2010

Stephen Kunselman moved to approve the minutes of May 27, 2010, Doug Chapman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appeals

Jeffrey Lawrence Bemer – Officer Clock stated that he received an application from Mr. Bemer on April 27, 2010. Mr. Bemer has applied for a taxicab license and was denied based on a prior felony conviction. The Ordinance states that a license will not be issued if the applicant was convicted of a felony within the last five years involving force, violence or criminal sexual conduct. In reviewing Mr. Bemer's criminal history, a conviction for armed robbery in March 2006 was shown. Mr. Bemer provided a letter from a state appellant defender showing the conviction amended to unarmed robbery but still involved force. The five year period ends in March 2011.

Mr. Bemer gave a brief history of his contribution to the city as a citizen and business owner and conditions that lead to his conviction. He stated that it took four years while he was incarcerated to win his appeal and as of today he has no other convictions or charges on his record and has had several job offers. He is currently working part time in Jackson, Michigan.

Mr. Chapman moved to grant Mr. Bemer's appeal conditionally based on Mr. Bemer having a clean record until April 17, 2011. Any reports of complaints or infractions involving Mr. Bemer should be reported to the Board so that the issue can be revisited. Mr. Kunselman seconded and the motion passed.

Mark Walls – Officer Clock stated that Mr. Walls applied for a taxicab license on August 2, 2010. In review of his driving record, he currently has 10 points. A violation was received December 2008 - 5 mile over the posted speed limit, March 2009 - 5 mile over the posted speed limit, April 2009 – failure to signal, and August 2009 – 17 miles over the speed limit (52 in a 35 mile per hour zone). Two points will be removed January 2011, two points removed March 31, 2011, and two points removed April 2011. The last three tickets were received while Mr. Walls was driving a taxicab.

Mr. Kunselman moved to grant Mr. Walls' appeal on the condition that no further points are accrued between now and the next renewal period. If further points are accrued, Mr. Wall's taxicab driver's license will be automatically withdrawn. Mr. Chapman seconded and the motion passed.

2. Approval of Taxicab Company Application

Black Taxi – A representative from Black Taxi was not present. Barbara Krick asked that the application be tabled until a representative is present.

US Limo and Taxi Services – Officer Clock stated that he received an application and pictures of the vehicle and taxi logo. Mr. Khan's vehicle is black with white lettering which is identical to Black Taxi. The City Ordinance states that each company's vehicle must have a unique color scheme. Since a representative from Black taxi was present, the black vehicle, white lettering color scheme was given to US Limo and Taxi Service with the word "limo" removed.

Mr. Chapman moved to approve the company application of US Limo and Taxi Service. Mr. Oldakowski seconded and the motion passed.

Board member Stephen Kunselman left the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

Caflor Industries operating as M)Taxi – Mr. Cesar Flores said that his company does mileage accumulation testing as well as vehicle fleet aging and durability analysis. He said the reason he is interested in taxi service is because taxicab operate under conditions that the EPA don't have data for that includes how vehicles age and are used such as during idling and sitting while under different conditions. His plan is to analyze these conditions.

Tom Oldakowski moved to approve Caflor Industries company application on the condition that Mr. Flores' second vehicle be made the same color blue as the one being approved. Mr. Chapman seconded and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

ADJOURNMENT

Tom Oldakowski moved to adjourn the meeting, Doug Chapman seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.