

**METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION LICENSING COMMISSION**

**Minutes of**

**June 20, 2006**

The Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Transportation Licensing Commission (the "Commission") met in regular session on this date at the Metropolitan Nashville Court facility at 501 Great Circle Road, in Metro Center. The Commissioners present were Chair Cynthia Odle and Commissioners Ray Dayal, Gladys Lozada, Holly Sharp, Kim Thompson, and James Utley (6). Also attending were Metro Legal attorney Ted Morrissey, Commission staff members Lisa Steelman and Walter Lawhorn, and Brian McQuiston, Director-Executive Secretary to the Commission.

**Chair Cynthia Odle** called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the April 25, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved.

**TAXICAB ISSUE: APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF TAXICAB CERTIFICATE**

Director McQuiston informed the Commission that an application had been received in April from Nashville Transportation, Incorporated for the transfer of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and permits of Checker Cab. In accordance with Commission Rule 11, the application was automatically deferred until the July 25 meeting.

**ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING: EMERGENCY WRECKER SERVICE ZONES**

**Chair Cynthia Odle** noted that emergency zone operators provide an invaluable service to the Police department and to the community, often going beyond requirements to assist motorists. In recognition of extraordinary support provided to a stranded crime victim in March of 2006, she presented a certificate to Ms. Brenda Vanderpool and Custom Towing. She also recognized Hillwood Wrecker, which had received a certificate from the Police Department, in recognition of that company's assistance to a stranded motorist in November 2005.

Ms. Mickie Sherrell, representing the Police Impound Lot, requested clarification on the release of personal property, but there were no complaints or other issues from the Impound Lot related to the emergency zones or companies.

Director McQuiston provided a listing and status of complaints received since the last annual wrecker hearing.

**Chair Odle** called the public hearing to order, and invited each zone wrecker company to come forward.

**West Nashville Wrecker:** Mr. Mike McGovern, representing United Road Service, parent company of West Nashville Wrecker, appeared before the Commission and introduced Mr. Larry Boggs, new general manager of West Nashville Wrecker. Mr. Boggs provided a list of equipment and drivers, and stated that the company was satisfied with current zone assignments.

**Tow Pro Custom Towing:** Mr. Doug Williams appeared before the Commission. He described the company's equipment, including some new wreckers. He answered questions about an open complaint, and expressed satisfaction with current zone assignments.

**Tommy's Wrecker Service:** Mr. Tommy Goddard appeared before the Commission. He described the company's equipment, and expressed satisfaction with current zone assignments. He answered questions about the single registered complaint.

**Smith Car Care Center:** Mr. Victor Smith appeared before the Commission. He described the company's equipment, and expressed satisfaction with current zone assignments.

**Nashville Towing and Recovery:** Mr. Darrell Greer appeared before the Commission. He described the company's equipment, and expressed satisfaction with current zone assignments.

**Martin's Wrecker Service:** Mr. Mike Martin appeared before the Commission. He described the company's equipment, and expressed satisfaction with current zone assignments.

**Hillwood Wrecker Service:** Mrs. Myrtis Shope appeared before the Commission. She described the company's equipment, and expressed satisfaction with current zone assignments.

**Gary's Garage and Wrecker:** Mr. Gary Ray appeared before the Commission. He described the company's equipment, and expressed satisfaction with current zone assignments.

**Donelson Wrecker Service:** Mr. Keith Shelton appeared before the Commission. He described the company's equipment, and expressed satisfaction with current zone assignments.

**Custom Towing:** Ms. Brenda Vanderpool appeared before the Commission. She described the company's equipment, and expressed satisfaction with current zone assignments.

**Cotton's Towing Service:** Mr. Robert Dean, manager of Cotton's, appeared before the Commission. He provided a list of equipment, and expressed satisfaction with current zone assignments.

**Chapman's Wrecker Service:** Mr. John Graham appeared before the Commission. He described the company's equipment. He stated that there were frequent problems on ECC calls at the I-24/I-40 interchange.

**Carter's Automotive:** Mr. Jimmy Carter appeared before the Commission. He described the company's equipment, and expressed satisfaction with current zone assignments.

**Brown's Wrecker Service:** Mr. Gary Brown appeared before the Commission. He described the company's equipment, and expressed satisfaction with current zone assignments. He complained about the Impound Lot's recent policy of using dead weight/curb weight, instead of GVWR, to determine towing rates.

**Bailey's Service Center:** Mr. Randy Bailey appeared before the Commission. He described the company's equipment, and expressed satisfaction with current zone assignments. He stated that the Davidson County Zone Towing Association had made contact with the ECC to assist with any problems that were identified with dispatch.

**A. B. Collier Wrecker Service:** Mr. Michael McGovern, representing Mr. Scott Heinrich, owner, appeared before the Commission with Mr. Billy Brooks, manager. Mr. Brooks provided a list of equipment. **Chair Odle** expressed concern that the company had two complaints registered during the past year.

**Chair Odle** asked if there was any other public comment. There was none, and she closed the public hearing, noting that there had been no requests to alter the existing zones. **Commissioner Holly Sharp** moved to keep the current zones and assignments. **Commissioner Gladys Lozada** seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Chair Odle** requested that the Commission's legal advisor work with the MNPD legal advisor to come to an agreed conclusion on interpreting the vehicle weight standard used to determine towing charges.

## WRECKER RATES

Director McQuiston stated that the Commission's legal advisor had informed him that wrecker company fuel surcharges recommended by the Commission following a September 27, 2005 public hearing could not be enacted.

Mr. Mike Martin and Mr. Randy Bailey appeared before the Commission. On behalf of the Davidson County Zone Towing Association, they submitted a written proposal to increase some of the rates established in the ordinance.

**Commissioner Holly Sharp** moved to refer the proposals to staff for evaluation and consideration at the next meeting. **Commissioner Gladys Lozada** seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

## APPLICATION FOR GENERAL WRECKER LICENSE: BTR

Director McQuiston informed Commissioners that an application had been received from Mr. William Littlefield and Ms. Pauline Mead, partners in BTR, for a general wrecker license. Neither of the partners appeared. Director McQuiston stated that the owners had been notified of the hearing, and expressed concern about approving a license for Mr. Littlefield, who had been cited for violating the wrecker ordinance, and whose Beacon Towing company had been performing nonconsent towing without a license. **Commissioner Holly Sharp** moved to deny the application. **Commissioner Ray Dayal** seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

## WRECKER DRIVER DISCIPLINARY HEARING: CALVIN E. HOLMES

Mr. Holmes did not appear. Director McQuiston informed Commissioners that Mr. Holmes had failed a random drug test, and had been fired by Cotton's Towing. **Commissioner Gladys Lozada** moved to revoke his wrecker driver permit. **Commissioner Holly Sharp** seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

## OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Brian E. McQuiston  
Director-Executive Secretary

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Cynthia M. Odle  
Chair