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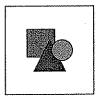
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MEMORANDUM

October 21, 2008

PETER WITT v. TAXI COMMISSION (08047)

COMPLAINT

THE COMPLAINANT ALLEGES THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

Complainant Peter Witt who regularly attends the Taxi Commission claims that the minutes of the August 12, 2008 meeting did not include the 150 words statements that were submitted during the public comment sections of the meeting.

COMPLAINANT FILES COMPLAINT:

On August 26, 2008, Peter Witt filed a complaint that did not specifically list the section of the Sunshine Ordinance that was violated but described the violation as listed above.

JURISDICTION

Based on the allegations of the complaint and the sections of the Ordinance stated below, the Task Force has jurisdiction to hear this matter. In addition the parties in this case do not contest jurisdiction.

APPLICABLE STATUTORY SECTION;

- 1. Sunshine Ordinance Section 67.15 which deals with Public Testimony
- 2. Sunshine Ordinance Section 67.16 which deals with the Minutes of the meeting

APPLICABLE CASE LAW:

none for this case

ISSUES TO BE DETERMINED

1. FACTUAL ISSUES

A. Uncontested Facts:

• The Taxi Commission had a public meeting on August 12, 2008 and received public comment during the meeting.

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B. Contested facts/ Facts in dispute:

The Task Force must determine what facts are true.

i. Relevant facts in dispute:

- Whether written statements were excluded.
- Whether public testimony was deleted from the minutes.

OUESTIONS THAT MIGHT ASSIST IN DETERMINING FACTS;

none

LEGAL ISSUES/LEGAL DETERMINATIONS;

- Were sections of the Sunshine Ordinance (Section 67.21), Brown Act, Public Records Act, and/or California Constitution Article I, Section three violated?
- Was there an exception to the Sunshine Ordinance, under State, Federal, or case law?

CONCLUSION

THE TASK FORCE FINDS THE FOLLOWING FACTS TO BE TRUE:

THE TASK FORCE FINDS THAT THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS TO BE **TRUE OR NOT TRUE.**

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THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED BY PROPOSITION 59 IN 2004 PROVIDES FOR OPENNESS IN GOVERNMENT.

Article I Section 3 provides:

- a) The people have the right to instruct their representative, petition government for redress of grievances, and assemble freely to consult for the common good.
- b)(1) The people have the right of access to information concerning the conduct of the people's business, and therefore, the meetings of public bodies and the writings of public officials and agencies shall be open to public scrutiny.
- 2) A statute, court rule, or other authority, including those in effect on the effective date of this subdivision that limits the right of access shall be adopted with findings demonstrating the interest protect by the limitation and the need for protecting that interest.
- 3) Nothing in this subdivision supersedes or modifies the right of privacy guaranteed by Section 1 or affects the construction of any statute, court rule, or other authority to the extent that it protects that right to privacy, including any statutory procedures governing discovery or disclosure of information concerning the official performance or professional qualifications of a peace officer.
- 4) Nothing in this subdivision supersedes or modifies any provision of this Constitution, including the guarantees that person may not be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, or denied equal protection of the laws, as provided by Section 7.
- 5) This subdivision does not repeal or nullify, expressly or by implication, any constitutional or statutory exception to the right of access to public records or meetings or public bodies that is in effect on the effective date of this subdivision, including, but not limited to, any statute protecting the confidentiality of law enforcement and prosecution records.
- 6) Nothing in this subdivision repeals, nullifies, supersedes, or modifies protections for the confidentiality of proceedings and records of the Legislature, the Members of the Legislature, and its employees, committee, and caucuses provided by Section 7 of Article IV, state law, or legislative rules adopted in furtherance of those provisions: nor does it affect the scope of permitted discovery in judicial or administrative proceedings regarding deliberations of the Legislature, the Members of the Legislature, and its employees, committees, and caucuses.

Memorandum ATTACHED STATUTORY SECTIONS FROM CHAPTER 67 OF THE SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (THE SUNSHINE ORDINANCE) UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

Section 67.1 addresses Findings and Purpose

The Board of Supervisors and the People of the City and County of San Francisco find and declare:

- (a) Government's duty is to serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public.
- (b) Elected officials, commissions, boards, councils and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct the people's business. The people do not cede to these entities the right to decide what the people should know about the operations of local government.
- (c) Although California has a long tradition of laws designed to protect the public's access to the workings of government, every generation of governmental leaders includes officials who feel more comfortable conducting public business away from the scrutiny of those who elect and employ them. New approaches to government constantly offer public officials additional ways to hide the making of public policy from the public. As government evolves, so must the laws designed to ensure that the process remains visible.
- (d) The right of the people to know what their government and those acting on behalf of their government are doing is fundamental to democracy, and with very few exceptions, that right supersedes any other policy interest government officials may use to prevent public access to information. Only in rare and unusual circumstances does the public benefit from allowing the business of government to be conducted in secret, and those circumstances should be carefully and narrowly defined to prevent public officials from abusing their authority.
- (e) Public officials who attempt to conduct the public's business in secret should be held accountable for their actions. Only a strong Open Government and Sunshine Ordinance, enforced by a strong Sunshine Ordinance Task Force can protect the public's interest in open government.
- (f) The people of San Francisco enact these amendments to assure that the people of the City remain in control of the government they have created.
- (g) Private entities and individuals and employees and officials of the City and County of San Francisco have rights to privacy that must be respected. However, when a person or entity is before a policy body or passive meeting body, that person, and the public, has the right to an open and public process.

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Section 67.15 of the San Francisco Administrative Code provides for public testimony as follows:

- a.) Every agenda for regular meetings shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address a policy body on items of interest to the public that are within policy body's subject matter jurisdiction, provided that no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by Section 67.7(e) of this article. However, in the case of a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the agenda need not provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on any item that has already been considered by a committee, composed exclusively of members of the Board, at a public meeting wherein all interested members of the public were afforded the opportunity to address the committee on the item, before or during the committee's consideration of the item, unless the item has been substantially changed since the committee heard the item, as determined by the Board.
- b.) Every agenda for special meetings at which action is proposed to be taken on an item shall provide an opportunity for each member of the public to directly address the body concerning that item prior to action thereupon.
- c.) A policy body may adopt reasonable regulations to ensure that the intent of subdivisions (a) and (b) are carried out, including, but not limited to, regulations limiting the total amount of time allocated for public testimony on particular issues and for each individual speaker. Each policy body shall adopt a rule providing that each person wishing to speak on an item before the body at a regular or special meeting shall be permitted to be heard once for up to three minutes. Time limits shall be applied uniformly to members of the public wishing to testify.

Section 67.16 of the San Francisco Administrative Code deals with minutes of the meeting as follows

b) The minutes shall state the time the meeting was called to order, the names of the members attending the meeting, the roll call vote on each matter considered at the meeting, the time the board or commission began and ended any closed session, the names of the members and the names, and titles where applicable, of any other persons attending any closed session, a list of those members of the public who spoke on each matter if the speakers identified themselves, whether such speakers supported or opposed the matter, a brief summary of each person's statement during the public comment period for each agenda item, and the time the meeting was adjourned. Any person speaking during a public comment period

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may supply a brief written summary of their comments which shall, if no more than 150 words, be included in the minutes.



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Subject Sunshine Complaint

Submitted on: 8/26/2008 6:02:21 AM

Department: Taxicab commission

Contacted: Staff

Public Records Violation: Yes

Public Meeting Violation: No

Meeting Date: 8/12/08

Section(s) Violated: ?

Description:

"Omiting public comment" (for the record) including 150 word statments submitted. Not inclucive in the minutes.

P.S. I have NOT gotten a responce from my last complaint filed with S.O.T.F. last month which has been an ongoing complaint with the TXC since 1999. Which includes destorying public correspondance.

Hearing: Yes

Pre-Hearing: No

Date: 6/26/08

Name: Peter Witt

Address:

City: San Francisco

Zip: 94123

Phone: (415)

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Anonymous:

Confidentiality Requested: Yes



Jordanna Thigpen/ADMSVC/SFGOV 10/15/2008 11:04 AM

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Subject submission for # 08047



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RESPONSE TO SUNSHINE COMPLAINT # 08047

Mr. Peter Witt has filed a Sunshine Complaint pertaining to an alleged omission of public comment (150 word statement) from the August 12, 2008 meeting. I am unable to attend the meeting due to my attendance at an official conference for the Commission, so I am submitting this written statement and documents.

A copy of the minutes from the August 12, 2008 hearing is attached, along with the statements received for that hearing. As you can see from a review of the minutes, they are a summary only. The actual record is the online digital archive of the hearing. The hearings show live on television and SFGTV puts them online in our archive on our website.

When individuals submit 150 word statements to be included in the minutes, they give them to the Commission Secretary. She keeps a hard copy of these items at our office along with a copy of the summary minutes. We do not include copies of these items with the summary minutes because we are trying to conserve resources. Mr. Witt and another individual, James Kennedy, submitted statements for August 12, 2008.

Mr. Witt has graduated from 150 word statements to actual physical items that he would like to be included with the minutes. He has submitted numerous copies of his "surveys" which not only exceed 150 words, but constitute documents beyond which a public entity is required by the Sunshine Ordinance and Brown Act to keep as part of its "official minutes."

Recently, at the October 14, 2008 meeting, Mr. Witt attempted to submit a Pennsylvania license plate which he claimed to have stolen from another motor vehicle in the Castro neighborhood. The Commission will not and cannot receive stolen property as part of its official minutes and informed him of that fact.



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TAXICAB COMMISSION MINUTES

August 12, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400

STAFF IN ATTENDENCE: Executive Director Jordanna Thigpen, Executive Secretary Tamara Odisho, City Attorney Tom Owen

Executive Director Jordanna Thigpen-Reads cell phone admonishment

- 5. Call to Order/Roll Call
- Roll Call: Benjamin, Breslin, Gillespie, Oneto, Suval Absent: Paek, Slaughter
- 2. Staff Report and Commissioner Announcements [INFORMATION]
- *There were no Commissioner or staff comments on this item.

Public Comment

Peter Witt: Staff does not regulate but is overseer of the industry.

Jim Kennedy: Role of Executive director is not regulator but rather an enforcer. Why are there surprise

inspections? Staff and other agencies raided American cab company on July 3, 2008.

Keith Raskin: Working on a illegal flyer to put onto taxis.

Ron Fishman: July 3, 2008 American cab had only 3 days to fix issues and was very inappropriate,

3. Consideration of Amendments to Rules 4.C.1, 5.K.1 and 6.A.11: Eliminating Prepayments/Deposits and Converting the Industry to Daily Shifts (Gas and Gates) Only [INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION]

Com Oneto: Concerned with prepayments at Yellow cab.

Executive Director Thigpen: Overview of item and power point presentation.

Com Breslin: Are all taxi companies paying UI now? Commission should find out if drivers are considered contractors or employers.

Executive Director Thigpen: EDD regulates who is an employee or contractor.

Anne Hipshman, Industry of Labor Relations: Overview of power point presentation

Com Oneto: Are prepayments illegal?

Ms. Hipshman: Gas and gate system has carried approval through the court. But it may be illegal.

Employee can't be required to pay to go to work and is illegal under California law.

President Gillespie: Difficult to pass a law that the Commissioners have just learned about.

Com Oneto: For those who didn't understand what I explained before, long term lease was included because I was not sure which way Yellow cab was going with this. Leases were in this because I needed to notice in 10 days and the Board of Supervisors.

Public Comment

Jim Gillespie: Yellow has been in council with legal counsel, state folks and other agencies will discuss this issue and reserves comments to a later time.

Com Oneto: Will Yellow implement the prepayments? The Commission is responding to A card holders who are part of the regulatory process without informing the commission.

Jim Gillespie: This is a business decision and not a rules and regulations decision that the Commission regulates. We are changing the way we are collecting our funding and not being secret about it and didn't see it as a necessity to come to the Commission.

Com Oneto: Are the drivers going to be given interest on their prepayments?

Richard Weiner: Yellow's motivation is to be able to maintain customer service and has been in the lease for years to be able to collect in either the beginning or the end of their shift. Yellow has set the standards for the industry over the years.

Jim Kennedy: Compliments to the Commission for placing this item on the agenda. A lot of these drivers are not paying taxes. This is the most overregulated business and Commission should let the market delegate the industry.

Tariq Mehmood: Considers himself as an independent contractor and not an employee.

John Han: Spoke with EDD auditor and was told that 28 day prepayment is legal. But Yellow cabs policy is questionable and nothing is in writing and there is no written policy that can refer to. The contract also states that 25% of the deposit will be held which is considered as a deposit.

Mark Gruberg: Fire burning at Yellow cab that needs to be put out. Yellow cab is requesting the Commission to table this item, but they are not tabling this item. They are being dishonest.

Ron Fishman: If the lease agreement was illegal the companies would be sued. If drivers would be considered as employees then the cost of running a company would be higher and would request higher gas and gates. Cab drivers prefer independent contractor status.

Kadrundra: UTW is objecting because they want us to be employees, we are independent contractors. As employees we would have to cut 50% of our salary, which is why we don't want to be employees.

Sam Arayn: Companies must make money and drivers should have the freedom to choose between employees or independent contractors. Commission should not over regulate.

Charles Rathbone: The focus is 100% on drivers and companies. Gates and gases has its (+) and (-), service interruptions have not happened since. City should take a long hard look before changing the system.

Carl Macmurdo: Found the speaker to be overbearing. Industry cannot regulate employees **Keith Raskin:** Prepayment could have possible benefits since the drivers would be able to have some interest.

Steven Reemers: Know what we are doing and have been doing it for years. Yellow spent a long time figuring this out and know drivers live paycheck to paycheck.

Emil Lawrence: If Yellow goes bankrupt and take the money from drivers it will be an issue that has not been addressed. Prepayment also pays for days that drivers do not work. Shareholders at Yellow want more income which is why Yellow is requiring the prepayments.

Bud Hazelkorn: Only drivers who make money have second and third incomes. Many drivers make less than \$100/day. Absurd one must have to pay to work.

Dave Schnider: What Yellow is doing is exploiting drivers. At one point, all employees had benefits. Blake Derby: Requests a full commission. Vast majority want to be independent contractors. Elaborate ruse of the City to over regulate the business. City owns the medallions, why doesn't it take the liability?

Thomas George Williams: State sees drivers as employees and the federal government as independent contractors. Canada has created another category called dependent contractors.

President Gillespie: Are you being treated as an employee or as an independent contractor at Green Cab? **Thomas George Williams:** I pay gas and gates.

Mary McGuire: Mark Gruberg tells everyone what to do, why doesn't he treat his drivers like employees?

Mike Spain: Yellow often acts based on a force that they need to protect their interests. Anyone can shuttle people around and work by the hour. Why would cab drivers not opt for those jobs? Because they like the freedom they have to make as much as they can in 10 hours and they most prefer that status.

Jane Bolig: Understands the urgency of the August 15 deadline, but heard Jim Gillespie say they pushed the deadline to December and will have several months to decide. These issues are not entirely clear and hope there is an accommodation with the full facts.

Name Unknown: Drivers would like to be considered independent contractors, other jobs do not allow them this flexibility.

John Reigns: Always has been considered independent contractor but has heard the issue being tossed around about the legality of Yellow charging this deposit. Commission disallowed that completely and Yellow is thumbing their noses at the law and now nothing is being done. Why is there a need for discussion if it is illegal for Yellow Cab being allowed to do it?

David Miller: Single shifter at Yellow, cannot believe they don't understand that prepayment will have the opposite effect they think it will have. Suggests the Commission act strongly tonight.

Peter Witt: Yellow should reflect on driver morale and asks how they expect a new driver to want to come into the company.

Liz Bradley: Has some money saved for a surgery to have a broken arm fixed and is resentful towards Yellow for that. She is losing \$500-700 a month for gas. Commission has not taken a stance towards anything.

Com Breslin: Jim you mentioned that long-term leases was being left off until December. Would Yellow be willing to postpone the August 15 deadline? Is a business person and knows there are things she is not privy too but would like to know.

Jim Gillespie: The only action being taken on August 15 is the payments of gas and gate before the shift which is in the contract.

Susan Suval: If you prepay and you don't drive do you have to pay? What percentage of the industry is long term leases?

President Gillespie: No action until better understands what's going on. What he heard from the state is contrary to what others in the state are practicing. Does not appreciate what the Board of Supervisors did without holding a hearing and without understanding the issue.

Com Breslin: There's a lot of information that is being brought to the table. Charging for a vehicle is charging for a tool and not for work. Is asking Yellow to strongly consider a delay of implementing this practice. There is a certain stability to be gained. Not prepared to make a change in the industry.

President Gillespie: Strongly urges the Federal government, state and local companies to work out this issue sooner rather than later.

Com Oneto: Board of Supervisors are trying to protect low income working people. Yellow should have come to the table to discuss this and this doesn't change the employment status of the cab drivers since this won't even fix their problem. Should only implement the prepayment system after the research is done. Yellow brought the August 15 deadline, we didn't set it.

Com Breslin: The Supervisors' resolution only urges why didn't they prohibit it? It puts us in a position of a legal binding issue, which should be addressed in court.

Com Benjamin: Even if this is implemented on August 15, why can't we do something after? I haven't seen many Yellow cab people complaining.

Com Oneto: Only medallion holders came to speak and not A-card holders. If they don't pay they can't drive. Would like to have a round table with all the parties before this item is tabled.

Susan Suval: Should stop this until we have a hearing.

Pres Gillespie: What the state is asserting is the law and what the state is practicing are on a collision course.

Com Oneto: Ten day notice allows a rule change. Can we make a resolution that would allow the commission to make a rule change suspending prepayments?

City Attorney: Yes, you can make a regulation. You can adopt a resolution urging them to hold off on taking a prepayment until the Commission makes a decision.

Com Benjamin: We shouldn't be regulating the business until we see a problem. Trying to anticipate what will happen is difficult, we should come back to this after they have already implemented it.

4. Consent Calendar [ACTION]

Pres Gillespie: Continue to call of the chair items C2- Henry Marsicano, C3- Tesfamariam Zemikael, D1-David Reyes, D4- Parminder Singh, and F4- Long Ngo and F5- Grigory Andarasnik for recusals.

Public Comment:

Charles Rathbone: Item C2-Henry Marsicano thought his ADA accommodation was a full waiver of his driving requirement. Urge Commission to grant his medallion.

Jim Kennedy: Noticed a lot of DeSoto drivers leaving the company because it increased the cost of doing business.

David Reyes: Working two jobs and is on disability because was hurt on the job as a MUNI operator. Would like an extension.

Emil Lawrence: How does the Commission audit waybills,

Mary McGuire: Green cab solicits medallion holders and wonders why George Lancia is going to Green cab.

Thomas George Williams: Offers very competitive deals to medallion holders and new vehicles and plenty reasons to come to the company.

President Gillespie: Will continue agenda items 5-7 but will take public comments.

5. Consideration of Addition of Rule 8.A.17, Requiring Minimum Size for Dispatch Services [DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION]

Jim Kennedy: Waited all night for this agenda item and is now being continued. If you close down the dispatch companies' drivers will not have options for transferring their medallions.

8. Public Comment (Please limit public comment to items NOT on the agenda)

Peter Witt: Has submitted 2008 taxi survey.

Carl Macmurdo: Board of Appeals hearing of Young Yi and because the Commission has not adopted an ADA policy for applicants on the list and so the Board has.

Liz Bradley: Where's the surcharge for the drivers, need relief.

Mark Gruberg: Commissioners typically represent their seats and Paul doesn't represent drivers.

Jim Kennedy: Dispatch survey unethical and incorrect. American has ads in the yellow pages which are better than the other company.

Ron Fishman: To keep up with inflation the meter should be \$3.20/mile. Amazing that no one in the city has taken an action to alleviate the burden of gas.

Mary McGuire: You had no right to send people home.

Jane Bolig: Doesn't think the job of an advocate must always take a proper position has never taken a destructive position and thanks him for being fair.

Naigm Malik: Do something for the drivers, bill of rights, decrease the gas and gate.

Marty Smith: It took a lot of power to be up here tonight and do what you did.

Robert Dunkinson: Doing a good job

Thomas George Williams: Companies should pay for gas. Pilots do not pay their own gas, city hall is not doing anything right now, tip your driver better.

9. Adjournment - 9:55 PM

Staff. Report

To be read into TXC mintues of 8/12/08

Staff does not "regulate"
....it administers regulations and the EXDirector is a liaison and is suppose to keep
records and maintain – pertinent - data
bases. Like customer correspondences.

By the way .WHERE are the controllers Reports DUE NOW. For the Gate and gas recommendations.

AndI've have yet to see THE out reach formate or questionnaire.

Is it the same and are you meeting your mandated goals?

Also for the recordI submitted a report about limos that out-lined the multiple jurisdiction problems, BACK in 2003. I wonder why you think this is... "recent news". AND what you plan to do about it?

For inclusion in minutes less The 150 words

San Francisco Taxi Commission Agenda, August 12, 2008

RE: Item 5. Consideration of Addition of Rule 8.A.17, Requiring Minimum Size for Dispatch Services [DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION]

- I, James F. Kennedy, Medallion Holder number 475, American Taxicab Co. do hereby request that Item 5, above be considered OUT OF ORDER. Because:
- (1) This item 5, was heard under the SF Taxicab Commission Rules and Regulations Subcommittee July 21, 2008 meeting by members Patricia Breslin, Paul Gillespie, Tom Oneto.
- (a) Member Paul Gillespie associated in the capacity as an employee, or independent contractor status with Yellow Cab Co-Op of San Francisco. Should not have been a member of this sub-committee due this association with Yellow Cab Co Op.
- (b) Member Paul Gillespie, as Taxi Commissioner has had made it a practice in the past to RECLUSE himself from voting on matters that may/would place himself in a position in influencing the outcome of a vote: Re: Changes in medallion color scheme changes to or out of Yellow Cab, also in new awards of medallions to persons joining Yellow Cab.
- (2) At TC meeting June 10, 2008 I had requested that Paul Gillespie, and Richard Benjamin of Luxor Cab RECLUSE themselves in voting on requiring minimum

size for Dispatch Service due to conflicts that would favor both Yellow Cab, and Luxor Cab if this item was passed.

JAMES F. KENNEDY, Medallion #475

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