

**MINUTES**

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM**

**601 E. KENNEDY BLVD., SECOND FLOOR**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*The meeting of the Public Transportation Commission was called to order by Chairman Kevin White at 9:09 a.m. The following Commission members were present:*

*Chairman Kevin White  
Commissioner Rose Ferlita  
Commissioner Ken Hagan  
Commissioner Dan Raulerson  
Councilman Joseph Caetano  
Councilman John Dingfelder  
Councilmen Mark A. Knapp*

*Board of County Commissioners  
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City of Plant City  
City of Tampa  
City of Tampa  
City of Temple Terrace*

*Commissioners Ken Hagan and Dan Raulerson and Councilman John Dingfelder were not present.*

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Chairman Kevin White led the Commission in the invocation and pledge of allegiance.*

**III. SWEARING IN OF WITNESSES**

*Chairman White performed a mass swearing in of the witnesses wishing to speak before the Commission.*

**IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

*Chairman White asked if anyone wanted to speak during the audience participation section and non one came forth.*

**V. REPORTS – For receipt and filing.**

- A. Inspector's Report – October, 2009
- B. Fiscal Year Status Report
- C. Year-to-Date Report

*Motion to receive and file all reports was made by Councilman Caetano seconded by Councilman Knapp and carried unanimously.*

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. October 14, 2009 Public Transportation Commission meeting minutes
- B. Approval of Public Vehicle Driver's Licenses – October, 2009
- C. Administrative Change application for an ownership change from Julie's Limousine and Coachworks, Inc. to Ambassador Limousine & Sedan Inc., d/b/a Julie's Limousine
- D. Administrative Change Application for an ownership change from Allure Limousine Service, LLC to Bay & Beach Car Service, LLC
- E. Administrative Change Application for a name change from Sterling of Tampa to Sterling of Tampa, Inc. and to add Heather Watkins as an additional owner

***Motion to approve the consent items was made by, Councilman Knapp seconded by Councilman Caetano and carried unanimously.***

VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

***Chairman White asked if Attorney Perez had anything to report. There was no attorney's report.***

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearings

1. Limousine Service Applications

- a. Air-Port Shuttles & Transportation, LLC (Punta Gorda, FL) – application for a limousine certificate and one (1) unrestricted limousine permit

***Director Padilla gave a summary of the Hearing Officer's recommendation for approval of the application for a certificate and two (2) instead of one (1) unrestricted limousine permits requested by Air-Port Shuttles & Transportation, LLC. Chairman White asked if anyone wanted to speak regarding the application. The owner, Fred Bettis, was present, and came forth to speak. He said that the company had a van certificate and now they want the limousine certificate based on their customer's requests to provide limo service which is more economical. He said that the area is heavily dense with retired people and cost is important to them.***

***Chairman White asked if anyone else wanted to speak and there were no further comments.***

***Motion to approve the application of Air-Port Shuttles & Transportation, LLC for a limousine certificate and two permits was made by Councilman Caetano, seconded by Councilman Knapp and passed unanimously.***

***Commissioner Ferlita later in the meeting asked if she could get Attorney Perez's input on a procedural issue and ask for a reconsideration of a previous vote and change it to no. Attorney Perez***

***said that she may and she asked for a motion for reconsideration of Air-Port Shuttles & Transportation, LLC.***

***Motion for reconsideration of the application for certificate of Air-Port Shuttles & Transportation, LLC was made by Councilman Caetano, seconded by Commissioner Ferlita and passed unanimously.***

***Motion to approve the application of Air-Port Shuttles & Transportation, LLC for a limousine certificate and two permits was made by Councilman Caetano, seconded by Councilman Knapp and passed 3 to 1 with Commissioner Ferlita dissenting.***

- b. Gemini Limousine of Florida, LLC (Hudson, FL) – application for a limousine certificate and three (3) unrestricted limousine permits

***Director Padilla gave a summary of the Hearing Officer’s recommendation for approval of the application for a certificate two (2) of the three (3) unrestricted limousine permits for Gemini Limousine of Florida, LLC. Chairman White asked if anyone was present representing the applicant. The owner, George Ulanet, was present and came forth and said that they were in Hudson, Florida and have applied for permits to serve their clients in the Northeast. He said that his company has been put on the list with the Federal Government and that his company is in their system to provide transportation as needed.***

***Motion to approve the application of Gemini Limousine of Florida, LLC was made by Councilman Knapp seconded by Commissioner Caetano and 3 to 1 with Commissioner Ferlita dissenting..***

- c. Sterling Limousine of Tampa, Inc. (Lutz, FL) – application for two (2) additional unrestricted permits on their already existing certificate

***Director Padilla gave a summary for staff’s recommendation of approval of the two additional permits for Sterling Limousine of Tampa, Inc.***

***Chairman White asked if anyone wanted to speak and Kevin Watkins came forth. He said that he wanted the extra permits because there are some “orphan” limousines out there that can come under his certificate and he might be interested in expanding later.***

***Motion to approve the application for two additional permits for Sterling Limousine of Tampa, Inc. was made by Councilman Knapp, seconded by Councilman Caetano and carried unanimously.***

- d. Town & Country Limousine (Sarasota, FL) - application for two (2) additional restricted permits on their already existing certificate

***Director Padilla gave a summary for staff’s recommendation of approval of the two additional restricted permits for Town & Country Limousine. The Chairman asked if the owner was present. The owner was present, but did not speak.***

***Motion to approve the application for two additional permits for Sterling Limousine of Tampa, Inc. was made by Councilman Knapp, seconded by Councilman Caetano and passed 3 to 1 with Commissioner Ferlita dissenting.***

- e. Zatula Enterprise Corp. d/b/a Mandalay Limousine and Cab Service (Clearwater, FL) – application for a limousine certificate and four (4) unrestricted limousine permits

*Director Padilla gave a summary of the Hearing Officer's recommendation of approval of the application for certificate and four (4) unrestricted limousine permits for Zatula Enterprise Corp. d/b/a Mandalay Limousine and Cab Service. The Chairman asked if the owner was present. The owner was present, but did not speak.*

*Mr. John Madiedo of Professional Insurance Center spoke on behalf of this company and said that his company has done business with them for years and that they are very courteous and diligent business people and they just wanted to support this request for certificate and permits.*

*Motion to approve the application for certificate and four (4) unrestricted limousine permits for Zatula Enterprise Corp. d/b/a Mandalay Limousine and Cab Service was made by Councilman Caetano, seconded by Councilman Knapp and passed 3 to 1 with Commissioner Ferlita dissenting.*

## 2. Van Service Applications

- a. Express Transportation, LLC (Tampa, FL) – application for two (2) additional unrestricted van permits on their already existing certificate

*Director Padilla gave a summary for staff's recommendation of approval of the two additional unrestricted permits for Express Transportation, LLC. The Chairman asked if the owner was present. The owner was present, but did not speak.*

*Motion to approve the application for two additional permits for Express Transportation, LLC was made by Councilman Knapp, seconded by Councilman Caetano and passed unanimously.*

- b. Zatula Enterprise Corp. d/b/a Mandalay Limousine and Cab Service (Clearwater, FL) – application for a limousine certificate and two (2) unrestricted van permits

*Director Padilla gave a summary of the Hearing Officer's recommendation of approval of the application for certificate and two (2) unrestricted van permits for Zatula Enterprise Corp. d/b/a Mandalay Limousine and Cab Service. The Chairman asked if the owner was present. The owner was present, but did not speak.*

*Director Padilla asked if it was a duplicate and it was not, the company was asking for limousine and van certificates and permits.*

*Motion to approve the application for certificate and two (2) unrestricted van permits for Zatula Enterprise Corp. d/b/a Mandalay Limousine and Cab Service was made by Councilman Knapp, seconded by Councilman Caetano and passed 3 to 1 with Commissioner Ferlita dissenting.*

## C. Wrecker Workshop

*Director Padilla gave a summary of the October 16, 2008 wrecker workshop. There were suggested fee increases made by staff and the Hillsborough County Towing Association and these items were located in the agenda backup. The intent was to bring the fees in accordance with the fees that other industries regulated by the PTC pay. The Hillsborough County Towing Association also asked for fee changes. Commissioner Ferlita assumed that some kind of comparative study was done and Director Padilla pointed out that the issue is simply that there are two sets of rules, with the wreckers having separate ones, therefore, the changes reflect what every other industry pays in Hillsborough County.*

*Chairman White asked for Attorney Perez's input. He suggested going over the second page with the fee increases suggested by the PTC and by the wrecker industry as contained in the agenda backup. Director Padilla read them all aloud.*

*Steve Michelini spoke on behalf of the Towing Association. He said that the workshop was productive and cordial. He felt that if the PTC asked for fee increases, that the Towing Association would not be out of line to ask for increases as well for its administrative costs. He said that the industry is trying to cover the costs of the types of paperwork that the industry has to do and that it has become more complicated so administrative costs have gone up and they need these increases. He also mentioned that it was more costly to maintain the heavy duty vehicles that wreckers use.*

*Chairman White wanted to put the item on the next month's agenda and vote on it at that time instead of voting on it at this meeting. Attorney Perez said that it would be okay to do that and then there could be a more formal forum and the changes could be reviewed and discussed more clearly. There is no time limit, so Attorney Perez had no objections to moving the matter to next month's meeting.*

*Motion to move the wrecker workshop possible changes and deletions to the rules was made by Councilman Caetano, seconded by Commissioner Ferlita and passed unanimously.*

#### D. PTC Lease

*Director Padilla read staff's recommendation for approval of the PTC Lease for its administrative offices. He said that small segments have been added over the years, but the lease expired and now it is the intention that all of the buildings would be combined into one lease. This lease covers the area where the offices of the PTC currently reside.*

*Commissioner Ferlita wanted to know if this action was going to increase the square footage and Director Padilla advised her that there is no change and that in previous months and years past were added to the lease and now it is the intention to combine that into one lease and not different ones. She asked if Attorney Perez reviewed the lease and he said that he did and agreed with her that he was satisfied with the details. Attorney Perez elaborated that there was an additional space added to the original lease. The lease dated back to when the building was contracted for lease through the BOCC because the PTC used to be funded differently. Since the PTC is self-funded, this agreement will bring it all under the PTC for the office space. Councilman Caetano asked about the square footage and it was not in the package provided, but there was a diagram of the building. Attorney Perez said that the square footage was about 3000 square feet. They all agreed the price was very reasonable*

*Motion to accept the lease agreement of the administrative offices of the PTC was made by Councilman Knapp, seconded by Councilman Caetano and passed unanimously.*

#### VICTOR DIMAIO

*Mr. DiMaio said that he prepared a report for Commissioner Dingfelder ask Director Padilla asked and Councilman Dingfelder was not present. Chairman White told Mr. DiMaio to give a brief executive summary.*

*Mr. DiMaio said that his executive summary report reflected two reports that were done in 1999. He said that he happened to be there at the time and was working with the industry at that time regarding the overall regulation of the PTC and comparing it to what other jurisdictions around the state and country did. One report was the Oppaga (Office of Program Policy and Analysis) report and the other*

*was done by CUTR (The Center for Urban Transit) at USF. Mr. DiMaio said that his suggestion was that an update be done by CUTR from the 1999 report to what is happening in the industries today in other jurisdictions. Mr. DiMaio mentioned that Miami-Dade had a Medallion system similar to what New York City uses and he offered that as a possibility. He gave “wet zone” permits as an example of how much money permits can cost. So, that was his example of what the city and county charge for some permits and was what he presented in his report.*

*Mr. DiMaio said that Representative Glorioso agreed to sponsor the PTC bill this year in Tallahassee. He said if anyone had questions he would be glad to answer them and entertain them along with Director Padilla.*

*Chairman White asked if anyone had any questions, no one did and he thanked Mr. DiMaio for his report.*

X. ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business, the meeting of the Public Transportation Commission adjourned at 10:39 a.m.*

*\*\*\*This is not an official, verbatim transcript of the November 18, 2009 PTC meeting. It should be used for informational purposes only\*\*\**

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*Jacqueline E. Calleja, Administrative Specialist*

**NEXT COMMISSION MEETING – November 18, 2009**