

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**GLENDALE TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION**  
**JANUARY 25, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Glendale Transportation & Parking Commission (TPC) of Monday, January 25, 2010 was called to order at 6:10 pm by Chairperson Welch.

**ROLL CALL**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:      Commissioner Fuad  
   Commissioner Sahakian  
   Commissioner Yacoubian  
   Commissioner Weisman  
   Chairperson Welch

STAFF PRESENT:                      Jano Baghdanian, Traffic and Transportation Administrator  
   Tad Dombroski, Parking Manager  
   Alina Morshidian, Administrative Analyst  
   Maria Maldonado, License Investigator  
   Steve Rodriguez, License Investigator  
   Christina Sansone, General Counsel – Public Works  
   Anush Beglaryan, Commission Secretary

**POSTING OF AGENDA**

The agenda for the Monday, January 25, 2010 regular meeting of the Glendale Transportation and Parking Commission was posted by Friday, January 22, 2010 before 5:30 p.m. on the bulletin board outside of City Hall.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 7, 2009 special meeting were approved as written.

**ORAL COMMUNICATION**

Discussion is limited to items NOT a part of this agenda. Each speaker is allowed five minutes. The Commission may question the speaker but there will be no debate or decision.

Chairperson Welch opened the public hearing for this item, and there was (1) speakers for this item.

1. Herbert Molano

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 5 (a). Report Regarding Application for Renewal of an Owner's Permit to Operate Taxicab Service in the City of Glendale by G&S Transit Management, Inc. DBA City Cab
  - (1) Motion to approve the application with findings for an Owner's Permit to operate Taxi Cab Service in the City of Glendale by G&S Transit Management, Inc. DBA City Cab.
  - (2) Motion to deny the application for an Owner's Permit to G&S Transit Management, Inc. DBA City Cab and continuing the matter with no further public notice to February 22, 2010.

Jano Baghdanian, Traffic and Transportation Administrator, introduced this item to the Transportation and Parking Commission and provided an overview. Mr. Baghdanian explained the process and background of how an owner's permit is obtained and the ordinance dealing with owner's permits and renewals. He provided a background and summary on the current applicant – G&S Transit Management Inc., DBA City Cab who has submitted an application for renewal of owner's permit to operate taxicab service in the City of Glendale. Mr. Baghdanian stated that under the public convenience and necessity, City Cab has meet the requirements that are necessary to continue to operate a taxi service in the City of Glendale, and staff is recommending the approval of the renewal of the owner's permit. Chairperson inquired about the number of permits and the renewals of other cab companies. Mr. Baghdanian stated there is a 5 year expiration and that all will be coming to the Commission within the next year or two. The issue of ownership was raised by the commission and Mr. Baghdanian referred the issue to Ms. Sansone, who explained to the Commission that the issue at hand is more of a public convenience and necessity one more so than ownership.

Commissioner Fuad inquired as to whether the Commission may look behind taxi corporations and consider who are the owners/investors. Ms. Sansone stated that corporations are separate legal entities under the law regardless of whether they have the same corporate officers. If a corporation is in good standing with the Secretary of State, meets the requirements of the Glendale Municipal Code and other laws, the Commission would not inquire any further into the corporate structure. As the Code is currently written, the Commission cannot deny a permit simply because the applicant corporation has the same corporate officers as another taxicab corporations unless there are further facts in the record to show that the public convenience and necessity have not been met because of the existence of common corporate officers in more than one taxi corporation.

Chairperson Welch opened the public hearing for this item, and there were (3) speakers for this item:

1. Herbert Milano
2. John Gantus
3. Sheldon Baker

The public hearing closed and the TPC held a discussion on the item. Commissioner Yacoubian stated that she believes the public necessity and convenience has been met. Commissioner Sahakian agreed with Commissioner Yacoubian and he added that he is concerned with the procedures the City has in place to regulate the industry, such as how we measure response time. Commissioner Sahakian proposed that we begin measuring the response time and that we look at owner's permit renewal dates. He stated that we look at the permit that expires last and set all the renewals to expire at that date, but that the permits will still be issued to the same companies. He also proposes the formation of a sub-committee, to draft procedures to regulate industry. Chairperson Welch commented on how there is no competitive bidding process in this taxi cab allocation system. Mr. Baghdanian mentioned extending the expiration date while these issues are being looked into. Commissioner Fuad stated he is in favor of approving now for maybe the four years and not the five. Commissioner Weisman moved the motion with the discussed modifications and Commissioner Sahakian seconded the motion to approve owners permit to operate taxicab service in the City of Glendale by G&S Transit Management, Inc. DBA City Cab until December 15, 2013. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Fuad	Aye
Commissioner Sahakian	Aye
Commissioner Yacoubian	Aye
Commissioner Weisman	Aye
Chairperson Welch	Aye

## **INFORMATION & UPDATE**

6. Proposed Preferential Parking for the 100-300 block of Windsor Road, between Brand Boulevard and Glendale Avenue.

Jano Baghdanian, Traffic and Transportation Administrator, introduced this item to the Transportation and Parking Commission and provided an update and brief overview. Mr. Baghdanian stated that staff had received a petition for the implementation of a preferential parking program on Windsor Road between Glendale Avenue and Brand Boulevard. The petitioner requested the petition due to concerns from residents about employees of nearby businesses parking on-street on Windsor Road and therefore impacting the on-street parking available for the residents. The petition is being processed and a staff report has been prepared for presentation to TPC. There was a meeting with the auto dealers of Brand Boulevard and they expressed concerns with the implementation of the preferential parking program and that could have implications for their customer/employee parking. They requested the item be postponed to give them some time to meet with City staff and discuss the long/short term solutions. The Chamber of Commerce also has approached the City and asked that we look at this issue from a larger scale and not just one street at a time. Mr. Baghdanian stated that this item will be brought back to the Commission in the February TPC meeting.

Chairperson Welch opened the public hearing for this item, and there were (6) speakers for this item:

1. Razmik Grigorian
2. Reggie Louie
3. Johnny Harrison
4. Rich Roche
5. Annette Vartanian
6. Herbert Milano

The public hearing closed and the TPC held a brief discussion on the preferential parking issue that was presented.

Commissioner Yacoubian brought up the issue of having a moratorium; Mr. Baghdanian stated that it is a possibility and referred to legal counsel, Chris Sansone. Ms. Sansone stated that in order to place a moratorium, an ordinance would be required. Commissioner Sahakian brought up variances and what it will take to have the TPC provide input to the planning commission when it comes to new development or ITE trip generations or parking tables and provide their input. Mr. Baghdanian stated that it is possible, but it will have to go to City Council for their consideration but that we will get further information.

## **COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS/UPDATES**

Mr. Baghdanian stated that a rolling calendar is in the works. He stated that the Mobility Plan and many other related items will be brought to the Commission within the next six months. For the March meeting, there will be two traffic calming items. In April, there will be a few Mobility Plan items which will be presented. In the May meeting, all the pedestrian safety efforts that are currently underway will be presented, along with an overview. He also mentioned a presentation which will be presented to City Council on the potential for a high speed rail, which Commission will be informed of time/date. Commissioner Fuad inquires about the Bicycle Master Plan, and Mr. Baghdanian stated it will be brought back to Commission.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Welch adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm with no objection.