

JUNE 2, 2004 MEETING
374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
MINUTES

Present

Commissioners

Steven Afriat, President
Renee Campbell, Vice President
James Barger, Secretary
Sylvia Robledo
Diana Wood

County Representatives

Richard Townsend, County Counsel
Jonathan Geller, County Counsel
Steve Jimenez, Treasurer Tax
Deputy Ernie Barbosa, Sheriff's Department

Commission Staff

B. Eugene Romig
Lee Millen
Steve Erickson

Court Reporter

Michele Diaz

CALL TO ORDER

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, all applicants and witnesses were sworn prior to the hearing.

MINUTES:

ACTION TAKEN: MINUTES of May 26, 2004– Approved

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by Commissioner Wood

Vote: Unanimously carried

**PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDATION TO DENY ANNUAL PUBLIC EATING
LICENSE NO. 0652-117799**

Samuel L. Martinez & Rosa Martinez
El Alteño Bar
10213 Inglewood Ave.
Inglewood – Second District

Samuel Martinez, Jr., indicating he is the son of the applicants, reported that his parents couldn't be present for the hearing because of a court appearance today.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission continued the hearing until June 16, 2004.

Motion: Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Robledo

Vote: Unanimously carried

PUBLIC HEARING ON TAXICAB MODIFICATION/RATE INCREASE

Thousand Oaks Cab Company
1200 Old Conejo Rd.
Newbury Park, CA

Steve Jimenez, Treasurer Tax, reported that the applicant had requested a rate increase for providing service to Taxicab Areas 10A and 10B and had submitted a need and necessity letter with justifications for the rate increase.

Applicant Mary Jane Chao addressed the Commission.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the rate increase for the applicant for service to Taxicab Areas 10A and 10B as requested.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Robledo

Vote: Unanimously carried

**ACTION ITEM: RECOMMENDATION ON CATERING TRUCK LICENSES AS
SUBMITTED BY COMMISSIONER BARGER**

Richard Townsend, County Counsel, reported on a court case in the East L.A. court concerning operating a non-motorized trailer in the public right of way. He also discussed cases concerning the 30-minute parking limit for motorized commercial

vehicles. He further noted that the County has a contract out for bid for a vendor to provide concessions on County property rather than on the street.

The Commission then discussed the need for concessions at the East Los Angeles court.

Steve Jimenez reported that the Sheriff's Department had stopped issuing citations for catering truck violations of the 30-minute parking rule, but explained that TTC could issue warnings to licensees possibly leading to recommendations to deny their business license renewals.

Commissioner Barger requested TTC to report on the number of catering truck licenses in Los Angeles County. TTC will forward that information to Commission staff.

Sal Mesa, Friends of the East Los Angeles Library, reported on catering truck violations of the 30-minute parking limit in East Los Angeles.

Philip Greenwald, counsel for various catering truck licensees, spoke on the East L.A. court case ruling that the County's ordinance concerning the 30-minute parking rule was not in conformity with state law.

The Commission discussed Commissioner Barger's motion concerning directing county departments to investigate possible violations by catering truck licensees. Commissioner Barger accepted President Afriat's friendly amendments to parts one and two of his motion. The Commission agreed to bifurcate the motion into two motions, and then voted on the two motions separately.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission directed staff to send a letter to the Sheriff's Department, Department of Regional Planning, Department of Health and the Treasurer and Tax Collector requesting that, within eight weeks, they report to the Commission the results of the investigations of catering truck license enforcement, including but not limited to enforcement of the 1-hour parking rule in the Health Code.

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by President Afriat

Vote: Unanimously carried

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission directed Commission Staff and TTC to report back within two weeks on the conditions the Commission imposed on the catering truck licenses for Juan Hernandez and Gerardo Garcia, allowing the Commission to give direction to county departments on the matter. The Commission also directed Commission Staff to notify the applicants of this action.

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by President Afriat

Vote: Unanimously carried

CONSENT CALENDAR CHARITABLE SOLICITATION

Los Angeles Brotherhood Crusade, Inc.
200 E. Slauson Avenue
Los Angeles

ACTION TAKEN: The Notice of Intention to Solicit Application was approved.

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by Commissioner Wood

Vote: Unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sal Mesa, Friends of the East Los Angeles Library, reported on catering truck parking violations and on a catering truck operating without a business license.

MATTERS NOT ON POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING): The presentation by County Counsel and Treasurer-Tax on rules, laws and procedures governing business licenses is scheduled for next week.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: Commissioner Barger announced his son will be an Eagle Scout.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Steven Afriat
President