

# MARIN GENERAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

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## MEETING NOTES

Meeting of November 18, 2010

The meeting came to order in the Corte Madera Town Council Chambers at 10:04 a.m.

PRESENT: George Rodericks Vice Chair, called the meeting to order with Michael Frank, Clarissa Daniel, and Jim Schutz present. Gary Broad and Hamid Shamsapour were absent. Wayne Bush resigned effective November 8, 2010. Staff present: Executive Officer Paul Berlant, General Counsel David Byers, and Taxicab Regulations Program Manager Jeff Rawles.

- A. Motion by Michael Frank, seconded by Clarissa Daniel to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2010 meeting as written. Motion carried 4 – 0, two members absent.
- B. Closed Session.
  - 1. Government Code Section - 54956.9. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. One potential Case.
  - 2. Government Code Section - 54956.7. License/Permit Determination. One Applicant.
  - 3. Government Code Section - 54956.9(a). Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation: MGSA and City of Novato v. Novato Taxi, et.al.

There were no announcements.

- C. Report from Executive Officer. No report.
- D. Taxicab Regulation Program Update. Berlant and Rawles provided an update on the taxicab regulation program. Berlant provided an update on permit fee revenues versus program costs. The program is still not self-supporting. During the last 12 months, exceptional legal costs resulted in a net program cost to MGSA of \$54,613. Berlant and Rawles explained the permit process, requesting Board approval. Berlant and Byers presented an agreement with Daniel Carlson, allowing for a payment plan of \$200 per month for the \$5000 fine assessed against Novato Taxi. Berlant has signed the agreement, which is subject to MGSA Board ratification.

Ari Silver addressed the Board, asking what work the MGSA staff accomplished, objecting to paying higher permit fees as a new applicant, wanted a meeting with the MGSA staff's supervisor, and wanted to know why he was not offered "disabled cars" by the county as was another company.

Kevin Carroll addressed the Board reminding the members of the letters he had sent regarding other cab companies and asked if County Weights and Measures could check taxi vehicles for proper signage, permits, etc., when they annually check the fare meters?

Board member Frank asked Jeff Rawles if Weights and Measures or staff could inspect vehicles at the time of fare meter check, to which Mr. Rawles replied that he does sample checks of the vehicles.

Daniel Carlson thanked the MGSA for working out the fine payment schedule.

John Marchesiello, owner of Bubba's Cab company spoke in support of Shannon Bynum's Taxi Driver permit application.

Motion by Schutz, seconded by Daniels to approve Resolution 2010-13, approving the taxicab program process as outlined in the staff report. Motion carried 4 – 0, two members absent.

Motion by Frank, seconded by Daniels to approve Resolution 2010-14, ratifying the agreement between MGSA and Daniel Carlson, owner of Novato Taxi to allow for a payment plan for the \$5000 fine assessed against Novato Taxi on October 9, 2010. Motion carried 4 – 0, two members absent.

- E. Streetlight Program Update. Berlant presented an update of the streetlight repair program under contract with Republic ITS. Berlant reported on a request from Verizon Wireless to place cellular telephone antenna on a MGSA streetlight pole on Wolfe Grade in Kentfield as well as a request by another communications service provider to place antennas on MGSA streetlight poles.

The consensus of the board was that they were not interested in pursuing antenna placement arrangements with Verizon Wireless or other firms at this time.

- F. Professional Services Contracts – Regional Government Services (RGS). Berlant presented draft agreements to extend the professional services agreements with RGS for the services of the Executive Officer and Administrative Analyst through December 2011. All other terms of the agreements and scopes of work remain the same.

Motion by Frank, seconded by Daniels to approve Resolution 2010-15, approving professional services agreement with Regional Government Services for the services of the Executive Officer through 2011. Motion carried 4 – 0, two members absent.

Motion by Frank, seconded by Daniels to approve Resolution 2010-16, approving professional services agreement with Regional Government Services for the services of the Administrative Analyst through 2011. Motion carried 4 – 0, two members absent.


- G. MGSA Board Meeting Schedule for 2011. Berlant presented a proposed schedule of Board meetings for 2011.

The Board agreed to schedule the January meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at a place to be determined. The balance of the year will be considered at the January meeting.

- H. Public Comment. There were no other public comments.

I. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: January 11, 2011, 10:00 a.m.**



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Paul Berlant, Executive Officer

Approved: January 11, 2011