

Commission Meeting Script

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Video	Audio
Griswold down steps	Lutz businessman Frank Griswold leaves today's PTC meeting a much happier man.
Councilman walking	Here's the background — Griswold charges Tampa city councilman Ronnie Mason voted to deny him valuable county ambulance permits.
Ambulance	Then Mason resigned from the Public Transportation Commission, applied for the same permits, and started his own ambulance firm.
Meeting	Today... the first step toward reform. The PTC ruled that former commissioners and staff must wait two years before doing business with the board.
SOT: FRANK GRISWOLD	I THINK IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE EXTREME OF PUTTING IT IN BLACK AND WHITE.
ON CAMERA	But there's still a big problem. Griswold sued the commission. Legal fees are adding up. One idea — hike the fees for the limo, cab and ambulance companies.
Limos	Alpha Limousine is the oldest limo business in town. Its owner doesn't want to help clean up the Mason mess.
SOT: ORLANDO CASTILLO	I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THAT'S FAIR BECAUSE ALL THIS FEE REPRESENTS MISTAKES THAT THEY HAVE MADE.
Meeting	Other commissioners believe -taxpayers- should pick up the tab. They don't like sending the industry this bill.
SOT: JIM NORMAN	SO WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A CORRECTION ON A ONE-TIME HIT FOR PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO MAY HAVE TROUBLE PAYING THEIR LIGHT BILL, MAYBE.
More meeting	None of this is cast in concrete yet. There will be a public hearing and final vote on the reform package. And PTC staff is studying -six- different ways to pay the legal bills. For NewsLab, I'm Deborah Potter.