

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry

RCCI Standing Committee Meeting on

Town Municipal Administrative Affairs (TMA)

Venue: Khalid Waheed Conference Hall

Time: 02:30pm

Date: 12th May, 2014

Chairman: Ch. Iqbal Ahmed

Vice Chairman: Mr. Tahir Taj Bhatti

Minutes Recorded by: Amara Saleem R&D Officer

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	The meeting was formally started with the recitation of Holy Quran.
1.	<p>The Chairman of Standing committee on TMA and Former VP RCCI started the meeting with the word of thanks to all participants and elaborated the agenda of the meeting :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first agenda of the meeting was to reduce the encroachers from the main city areas which are a main hurdle in the smooth flow of traffic. • It was suggested by the Chairman to formulate a core committee (4-6 members) to resolve the issues related to TMA. • It was requested to the President RCCI to invite Commissioner Rwp and DCO to chamber to discuss the concerns of business community related to the TMA. • Concession to be provided on the board tax. • A fair table of Board Tax to be published in Business Vision to guide our members. • Renters are facing problems in Professional and Excise Taxation.
2.	<p>President RCCI Dr. Shimail Daud highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns related to TMA are here for several years. • Metro Bus Project is a main hurdle in the proper flow of traffic within the city these days. • President agreed on the inclusion of fair table of Board Tax in our business vision. • He further added that many members are not having clarity on professional tax; we will have a follow to the Secretary Excise. • Lay man are having no knowledge about taxes, how much to pay tax etc. A proper time frame to be provided to the shopkeepers to pay taxes.
3.	Mr. Najam Rehan Former President RCCI, added that when ever to invite DCO at chamber, invite CTO also because placing of traffic wardens within the Rawalpindi City is not satisfactory.
4.	<p>Former SVP Raja Amer Iqbal stated that taxes which are pending should be discussed with Punjab government as a policy matter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify the clause at level of Traders Association that they have to pay the rent. • Extra Wardens to be posted in the Rawalpindi City because of Metro Bus Project.
5.	<p>One of the member in the meeting added the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional tax is high it should be reasonable.

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6.	Mr. Khookar Majid proposed to formulate a team including the TMA Team, CTO and Shop keepers and give a circular to the association not to allow encroachers to sit on foot path.
7.	Ch. Jamil Executive Committee Member stated that board tax to be eliminated because already we are giving sales tax.
8.	<p>Raja Mushtaq highlighted the importance of this meeting and problems faced in the head of TMA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encroachment is a major issue which is not being solved since many years. • Issues related to surcharge should be discussed with the Secretary Excise. • There is no criteria of past tax issues.
9.	<p>Chairman Standing Committee further discussed the following points :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Tax Issue is faced by every shop keeper • Shop Keepers are having no awareness how to pay tax. • Amounts of board tax to be fixed. • Invite CTO to discuss the concerns and increase the number of wardens in the city especially for the current situation.
10.	Former SVP Raja Amer Iqbal added that RCCI is always there to support its members and to make the process easy.
11.	Ch. Alam Chugthai Vice President RCCI stated that Board Tax in sadder should be exempted. Encroachment in sadder is controlled but in other market it need to be addressed.
12.	Mr. Badar Haroon Executive committee member RCCI focused that traffic wardens behavior is not good with local community.
13.	<p>Mr. Manzar Khurshid Shaikh, Former President RCCI stated that to resolve all issues related to TMA a comprehensive plan need to be formulated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best efforts will definitely pursue good results. • Action against encroachers has been started in Punjab hopefully in Rawalpindi soon this will be implemented. • General Public is facing parking issues.
14.	Mr. Abdul Qudoos focused that traffic issues need to be resolved at priority.
15.	Chairman of Standing committee on TMA and Former VP RCCI Ch Iqbal suggested inviting CTO, TMA Admin and DCO soon. Excise and Taxation Director also to be invited in chamber in the month of June.
16.	At the end, Vice Chairman Mr. Tahir Taj Bhatti thanked all the participants and meeting was adjourned with the vote of thanks.