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# CITY COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY & UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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## Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council

**Tuesday June 11, 2024 – 5:30PM**

Virtual

**--DRAFT MINUTES--**

Chair Barlow calls meeting to order at 5:33PM

**1. Agenda**

Councilor Bergman moves to approve the agenda. Councilor Broderick seconds. All in favor, passes unanimously.

**2. Minutes of 5.23.24**

Councilor Barlow recommends postponing until next official TEUC meeting.

**3. Public Forum**

Paul Hines passes along comment from daughter. Driving behind a bus in Burlington, belching smoke. Daughter asked to pass along when electric busses will be coming to the City.

Chair Barlow offers that GMT will be attending on 6/25 and can answer this question.

**4. Deliberative Agenda**

**4.1 Vehicle for Hire Licensing Board and Taxi Ordinance Change Review**

Chair Mark Barlow summarizes topic: 3 changes to VHLB ordinances.

Assistant City Attorney Hayley McClenehan says that ordinance can move to City Council who can decide if Ordinance Committee needs further review.

Paul Hines, Chair of Vehicle for Hire Licensing Board (VHB), summarizes changes.
- if picking up at airport, must use rates
- receipt option
- VHB is small so adds that someone from TEUC could fill in as alternate.

MB asks GB if any feedback.
GB refers to lines 17-18, and how to determine process of deciding who from TEUC fills in.

GB also asks about Article 30, Line 32: “except as provided below”, there should be a reference to what is provided below.

HM walks through options to have TEUC alternate chosen

GB says that specific TEUC member should be determined ahead of time.

MB asks if an option would be to have Chair appoint alternate after contacted by VHB for need for fill in – adds flexibility.

Councilor Litwin wants less restrictions, more flexibility.

HM offers advice on how to structure this.
EL references lines 27-31. Encourages that where City sets rate, that we provide opportunity to offset credit card processing fee.

EL not sure about certain language that says driver “must disclose" the vehicle is cash only before credit card adoption, and instead have sign in vehicle displayed “cash only.”

EL also suggests updated Airport signage.

PH references passenger bill of rights in ordinance, and that some signage in Airport has been updated.

A discussion on timeframe of when the law becomes effective (assuming passage) ensues.

HM suggests setting a realistic effective date and striking the sentence of concern.

MB suggests keeping language, adds language about posting a sign, pass along to Airport Commission to determine how enforcement can work through Ambassador program.

HM points out that this ordinance will affect licenses citywide, wider than just airport administration and enforcement.

GB suggests letting administrators determine where signage goes, and enforcement parameters.

MB suggests fees, like credit card, only be included in meter rate and not as an add on. GB agrees.

HM suggests TEUC make motion to take discussed changes, incorporate into draft ordinance and send to Airport Commission for their feedback.

GB asks further about language in Article 30, Line 32. HM will review.

MB suggests further comments be sent to HM.

GM makes motion on Incorporating feedback into ordinance changes and send to Airport Commission. EL seconds. All in favor.

**5. Director's Report**
**NONE**

**6. Councilor Items**
**NONE**

**7. Next Meeting**
Next regular TEUC: June 25TH at 5:30

**8. Adjournment**
Chair Barlow adjourns at 6:33 PM.