



Vehicle for Hire Licensing Board 10/29/2019

Vehicle for Hire Licensing Board (Tuesday, October 29, 2019)

Generated by Christine Dunbar on Friday, November 22, 2019

Members present

Bill Keogh, Jeff Munger, Adam Roof, Bethany Whitaker

Members not present

Charlie Herrick

Also present

Christine Dunbar, C/T; Joy Hovestadt, Asst. City Attorney; Robert Burnor; Nicholas Schieldrop; Abdi Dhere; Donald Corbett

Meeting called to order at 10:38 AM

1. Agenda

Action, Procedural: 1.01 Adopt/Amend Agenda
Adopt/Amend Agenda as is

Motion by Bill Keogh, second by Adam Roof.
Final Resolution: Motion Passes
Aye: Bill Keogh, Jeff Munger, Adam Roof, Bethany Whitaker

2. Public Forum

Discussion, Information: 2.01 Public Forum



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3. Hearing

Public Hearing: 3.01 Robert Burnor - Royal Taxi

**The Board tabled the hearing until Isaac Trombley could attend to testify

**The Airport dropped the complaint on 11/6/19; there will be no hearing for Robert Burnor at this time

4. Communication

Communication, Information, Presentation: 4.01 Taxi app - Abdi Dhere, Airport Winooski Cab

Abdi presented the Board with his taxi app that he would like to implement making Airport Winooski Cab a TNC company. The Board approved the use of the app.

Joy was assigned with drafting a MOU to present to the VFH Board and to City Council for final approval.

Communication, Information: 4.02 Monthly fees

The monthly fees did not seem accurate/up to date. CD stated she would connect with Traci from C/T office to see if she could run a report to ensure the spreadsheet is current and accurate.

**Traci was able to update the spreadsheet. CD noticed there was still a lot of missing payments and will be addressing that with the Board at the next meeting.

Communication, Information: 4.03 Update on State's taxi regulations - Joy Hovestadt

JH stated that in July 2020, TNC companies will be audited by the State regarding insurance and driver standards. CD asked if that would eliminate the need for the City to perform semi-annual audits of TNC companies, JH responded yes. BW asked if these audits also include the number of trips that the taxi companies make, JH stated it is currently on a voluntary basis that these companies relay information and data to the City. JM asked what happens if our standards are higher than the State's standards, JH stated they will have to abide by the State standards moving forward. The ordinance will have to reflect these new State standards. BK asked JH to go through the VFH ordinance and highlight what will no longer be in effect per the State's new regulations.

NS spoke on this topic and reported that he was told this bill would not pass however, once a few changes were made and the bill was resubmitted, it passed. NS stated he was stunned by this as the bill has too many irregularities. NS stated that this current bill will soon be mute and that a new bill will be presented soon to create an even playing field among TNC and taxi companies.

Communication, Information: 4.04 Staff/Compliance Officer Update

CD stated that a few candidates were interviewed and that someone was offered the position. CD was hoping to have the new compliance officer at the meeting but, after talking with Jesse Namdar from BPD, the candidate was still going



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through the background check process which can take a long time to complete. BK expressed that this position should be full-time, the Board agreed.

**CD recently reached out to Jesse for an update and Jesse stated that she would be able to attend the next VFH Board meeting to speak to the Board members.

Communication, Discussion: 4.05 Commissioner items

5. Minutes

Action: 5.01 August 8, 2019

Approve the minutes

Motion by Bill Keogh, second by Adam Roof.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Bill Keogh, Jeff Munger, Adam Roof

Not Present at Vote: Bethany Whitaker

6. Adjournment

Action: 6.01 Adjourn

Adjourn meeting at 11:36 AM

Motion by Bill Keogh, second by Adam Roof.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Bill Keogh, Jeff Munger, Adam Roof

Not Present at Vote: Bethany Whitaker