



Vehicle for Hire Licensing Board 2/22/2018

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Thursday, February 22, 2018

Members present

Bill Keogh, Jeff Munger, Dennis Duffy

Also present

Christine Dunbar, C/T; Anthea Dexter-Cooper, Asst. City Attorney; Sarah Aberle, VfH Compliance Officer; Phillip Peterson, DPW(left at 3:23pm); Ashley Bryce, C/T(left at 3:43pm); Jan Wright, BPD(left at 4:20pm)

Meeting called to order at 3:02 PM

1. Agenda

Action, Procedural: 1.01 Adopt/Amend Agenda

Amend Agenda to move item 3.04 to 3.01.5 and add a Work Session as item 5.01 and move Adjournment to item 6.01.

Motion by Bill Keogh, second by Dennis Duffy.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Bill Keogh, Jeff Munger, Dennis Duffy

2. Public Forum

Discussion, Information: 2.01 Public Forum

3. Updates

Discussion, Information: 3.01 Taxi stands update - Phillip Peterson, DPW

Phillip Peterson present on behalf of DPW reported on the progress of the designated taxi stands for downtown. There will be a net gain of 6 spaces for taxis in the downtown area. PP stated that he still needs to do the public outreach part of this plan. The spaces will be on Main Street in front of Kountry Kart Deli, the West side of Church Street near Honey Road, College Street on the East side of Church Street, Bank Street on the East side and Cherry Street will receive two new zones



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on the East side. PP stated that this is just a starting point and BK stated his concern that there were no taxi zones near the downtown transit center. DD expressed the need for pick up and drop off spots for TNC vehicles per a public safety issue. BK asked that PP, Chapin Spencer and himself get together to further discuss the taxi stands issue.

Communication: 3.01.5 Monthly fees

Ashley Bryce present to discuss VFH monthly fees. AB asked the Board if they could amend the monthly fee form and therefore the policy in which she follows up with taxi companies that are late paying their monthly fees. The Board agreed to strike the language "certified" and calling after three days of late payment. The procedure will now be that AB sends a letter to any company that is 15 days past due on a payment and any taxi company that is 30 days past due on a payment will come before the Board.

**Motion to amend the monthly fee form

Motion by Jeff Munger, second by Dennis Duffy

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Bill Keogh, Jeff Munger, Dennis Duffy

Discussion, Information: 3.02 Policy on Vehicle for Hire Ordinance Infractions - Anthea Dexter-Cooper

**moved to Work Session item 5.01

Discussion, Information: 3.03 Compliance Officer update - Sarah Aberle

Sarah discussed the main issues that she is seeing from TNC drivers is stopping in the middle of the road to pick up/drop off customers and not having a logo or decal on the vehicle identifying them as a TNC. SA sent out a first round of warning letters to drivers that were in violation of the City Ordinance. DD stated that it is very hard for SA to be effective with the TNC drivers based on the current Ordinance. DD stated that the ability to issue tickets for certain violations should be put back in the Ordinance to make SA's job more effective.

Communication: 3.05 Commissioner items

4. Hearing

Public Hearing: 4.01 Mayo, Camden - Quik Cab

Camden Mayo present for the hearing. AD swore in CD and Camden Mayo. CD told the Board that Mayo came in to apply for a taxi license and her background check revealed a felony conviction from 2015 so CD denied Mayo her taxi license resulting in this hearing before the Board. Mayo stated that she is currently still under the department of corrections and



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she is in the process of turning her life around. Mayo is in recovery and holds a valid driver's license. BK asked Mayo how are we to know that you turned your life around and Mayo replied that she was willing to give the Board her probation officer's contact and show proof that she gets random drug tests. Mayo stated that she does currently work the AA program and that she has a sponsor. BK asked if anyone was dependent on Mayo's income to which she responded no. DD asked when the last time Mayo used and she stated January 23, 2016. Mayo went through an intensive treatment program that helped turn her life around. The Board had no further questions and AD explained to Mayo that she would be receiving the Board's decision letter in the mail.

**enter executive session at 4:19pm

**exit executive session at 4:35pm

5. Work Session

5.01 Work Session

AD explained the process for establishing policy procedures for VFH ordinance infractions. AD stated that all of the procedures end with a VFH Board hearing so that the drivers who are in violation of the ordinance have the opportunity to be heard and defend themselves. JM suggested that we email TNC companies the warning letters as opposed to physically mailing them. DD thinks the ordinance should allow for tickets to be issued to drivers in violation of the VFH ordinance.

**Work Session ended due to lost quorum

6. Adjournment

Action: 6.01 Adjourn

Adjourn meeting at 5:05pm

Motion by Bill Keogh, second by Jeff Munger.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Bill Keogh, Jeff Munger