

City of Ann Arbor

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Formal Minutes

Thursday, December 17, 2015

8:00 AM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Fourth floor, conference room

Taxicab Board

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Michael Benson, called the meeting of the Ann Arbor City Taxicab Board to order at 8:12 a.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Municipal Building, Fourth Floor Conference Room, 301 E. Huron Street.

The following people were in attendance:

*Gordon Berry
JP Heythaler, Blue Car*

Present: 6 - Michael Benson, Jamie Adkins, Robert Goeddel, LuAnne Bullington, Jacqueline Beaudry, and Kyle Lady

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Bullington, seconded by Lady, that the Agenda be approved. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

15-1549 Taxicab Board Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2015

A motion was made by Lady, seconded by Goeddel, that the Minutes of October 22, 2015 be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council on 2/1/2016. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry updated the Board regarding the recent assignment of Council committees, noting that the City Council did not appoint a Council Member to replace Councilmember Kunselman on the Taxicab Board.

Beaudry also stated two Board members, Bullington and Goeddel had terms expiring in 2016. Bullington responded that she likely would not seek a reappointment to the Taxicab Board, unless the Board's role was expanded. She noted that with the shrinking taxi industry in the city, the Board has little role in transportation issues.

Update from Officer Adkins: Taxicab Registration Numbers

Officer Jamie Adkins of the Ann Arbor Police Department reported on the City's Taxicab registration numbers, stating that currently there are 29 licensed taxicabs in the City and 102 licensed taxi drivers.

Chair Benson requested feedback on the conversion of the downtown commercial loading zones into night time taxi stands. He inquired if the stands were being utilized. Officer Adkins responded that there is not a lot of use due to the limited number of taxis operating in the City.

NEW BUSINESS

Set 2016 Calendar

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry presented a proposed 2016 annual calendar for the Board's consideration. Beaudry pointed out that in 2015, six meetings were cancelled and asked the Board whether it might consider bi-monthly or quarterly meetings. After discussion, it was agreed to keep the Taxicab Board's meeting schedule to monthly and cancel as needed.

A motion was made by Lady, seconded by Goeddel, that the 2016 Taxicab Board Meeting Calendar be approved. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

UPCOMING BUSINESS

Board members decided to use the January meeting as an opportunity to plan for the upcoming year and discuss the Board's future role.

Commissioner Bullington stated she would consider continuing to serve if the Board's scope was increased.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gordon Berry asked if the Board would consider moving the meetings back to 8:30 a.m. He also stated that without Council interest, they should consider abolishing the board.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Lady, seconded by Goeddel, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:26 a.m.