

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Thursday, June 23, 2016

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 Taxicab Board to order at 8:09 a.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 4th Floor Conference Room, 301 E. Huron Street.

ROLL CALL

Others in attendance:

Kathy Griswold

JP Heythaler, Blue Car

Owl DiBlassio

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

16-0955 Taxicab Board Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2016

Attachments: 052616 Taxicab Board Minutes

A motion was made by Lady, seconded by Goeddel, that the Taxicab Board Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2016 be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council by 7/18/2016. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

July Meeting Date

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry stated there was a request to either move or cancel the July meeting date due to board member schedules and availability.

Following further discussion, Commissioner Lady moved, seconded by Commissioner Goeddel, that the July 28 Taxicab Board meeting be rescheduled to July 21, 2016. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Revisions to Chapter 85 (Addition of Non-Metered Vehicles for Hire)

Clerk Beaudry stated she left this item on the agenda, but noted that staff had not completed any review work as they were still waiting on Assistant City Attorney Kristen Larcom to return from her leave.

Chair Benson asked Beaudry if she could look into having another City attorney review the ordinance.

16-0956

Proposed Ordinance to Create Transportation Commission

Sponsors: Taxicab Board

Attachments: TransportationCommission

Chair Benson updated the Taxicab Board on the status of the proposed Transportation Commission Ordinance. He stated he has met with a few members of Council and the general public and there seems to be support. Benson did note that the current draft includes changes that came as a result of those meetings.

Clerk Beaudry stated she did review the draft with Interim City Administrator Tom Crawford because this proposed ordinance is outside the scope of the Taxicab Board's direction under Chapter 85. Beaudry also noted that she did invite staff from Public Services to attend the next Taxicab Board meeting, as they are working on a similar ordinance, and would have more expertise in this broader discussion. Beaudry also noted that she and Crawford thought perhaps a Communication to Council through the Clerk's Report would be a way for Council to be officially notified of the proposal and could provide their support or direction for moving forward. Beaudry stated staff was hesitant to move forward with time and resources, if there would not be support from Council.

Goeddel stated he was in favor of a Clerk's Report item to Council. Lady concurred and stated it should be just a communication, noting that the draft itself was not ready for Council.

Goeddel moved, seconded by Lady, that the Taxicab Board send a communication to City Council providing a high-level overview of the Board's plan to draft a new ordinance creating a Transportation Commission and requesting direction and support from City Council for staff review and continued work on the ordinance. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried unanimously.

UPCOMING BUSINESS

Officer Adkins noted that she did not bring an updated chart of licensed taxis in the City. She stated she would get this information next month for the Board.

Commissioner Lady requested an update regarding the signage changes for the dual use commercial loading zone changes. Beaudry stated she would check with the DDA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Griswold, City resident, stated she is a former member of the Ann Arbor Schools Transportation Safety Committee. She also regularly attended the City's Pedestrian Safety and Access Task Force meetings. She stated the chair of that group, Linda Feldt, had drafted an ordinance about transportation issues, but is no longer interested in proceeding. Ms. Griswold stated she commends the Taxicab Board for their work on a comprehensive transportation ordinance. She requested that the word "safety" be included in a future draft, as it is currently missing from the ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Lady, seconded by Bosman, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the Taxicab Board meeting adjourned at 8:31 a.m.