

Taxicab Board Meeting Minutes  
December 18, 2014

Members Present: Michael Benson  
Robert Goeddel  
Stephen Kunselman  
Tom Crawford

Members Absent: LouAnne Bullington

Guests: Officer Jamie Adkins, Ann Arbor Police  
Jackie Beaudry, City Clerk  
JP Heythaier, Blue Cab Company  
Rick Clark, Amazing Blue Taxis  
Gordon Berry, Ann Arbor Resident  
Sarah Singleton (Recording Secretary)

I. CALLED TO ORDER – 8:45 a.m. by Mr. Benson

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Mr. Kunselman moved to approve the agenda, Mr. Goeddel seconded. The motion passed.**

III. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of Taxicab Board Minutes from October 23, 2014

**Mr. Kunselman moved to approve the Taxicab Board Minutes for October 23, 2014, seconded by Mr. Goeddel. The motion passed.**

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review the Progress of the New Deregulated Rates

Mr. Crawford said council asked staff to report back with information on how rates changed after the new deregulated rates were approved and went into effect. Mr. Crawford said there have been no rate changes that he is aware of from the taxicab companies. Officer Adkins said new taxicabs have registered since the rate change went into effect but there have been no requests to change the rates.

2. Determine the 2015 Taxicab Board Calendar

Mr. Benson informed the Board of a change to the taxicab board staff administrator. City council updated the taxicab ordinance and removed the requirement that the CFO serve as the Boards liaison. This position will now be served by the City Clerk.

In regards to the taxicab meeting calendar, Mr. Crawford said, historically, the Board has always agreed that the meetings would be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month although adjustments had to be made due to conflicts with time and dates. Ms. Beaudry, who will be serving as the Board liaison, has requested that the taxicab board meeting start-time change from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. because of a reoccurring meeting she must attend at 9:30 a.m.

**Mr. Kunselman made a motion to move the November and December 2015 meeting dates to a week prior. The new meeting dates would be November 19, 2015 and December 17, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goeddel. The motion passed.**

**Mr. Kunselman moved to change the taxicab board meeting start-time to 8:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goeddel. The motion passed.**

VI. ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Mr. Crawford said staff has been working with Uber and Lyft to finalize the operating agreement. Mr. Crawford has a meeting scheduled the first week of the new year to review the language and the state's legislative status with the administrator and attorney. The latest he has heard from the state is that the bill sponsored by Uber will not occur this year but may be brought forward next year in a new session.

Mr. Kunselman said he talked with the attorney's office and found that there is a risk to the community if we enter into this agreement. The City does not have governmental immunity in a contractual agreement with an entity that may not be compliant with state law. If we pursue a legislative act, we would have governmental immunity.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**Mr. Goeddel moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Kunselman seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m.**