

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Thursday, July 21, 2016

8:00 AM

*Rescheduled from July 28.

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

Taxicab Board

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Ann Arbor Taxicab Board was called to order by the Chair, Michael Benson, at 8:08 a.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 4th Floor Conference Room, 301 E. Huron Street.

ROLL CALL

Staff Members in attendance:

Kristen Larcom, Assistant City Attorney

Cresson Slotten, Systems Planning Manager

Others in attendance:

JP Heythaler, Blue Car

Present: 5 - Michael Benson, Jamie Adkins, Robert Goeddel, Jacqueline Beaudry, and Kyle Lady

Absent: 1 - Joshua Bosman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

16-1098 Taxicab Board Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2016

Attachments: 062316 Taxicab Board Minutes

A motion was made by Goeddel, seconded by Lady, that the Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2016 be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council on 10/6/2016. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry introduced Cresson Slotten, Systems Planning Manager, noting that the Board had previously requested the attendance of City staff involved with Transportation issues in the City, to discuss a possible future Transportation Commission that might include the oversight of Taxicabs, as well as other transportation systems in the City.

Regarding the Memorandum to Council on the proposed Transportation Commission, Ms. Beaudry, stated the Memo was included in the Clerk's Report to Council on July 21 and was received and filed, but there was not any additional discussion by the Council at that time.

Update on Dual Loading Zone Conversion

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Assistant City Attorney Kristen Larcom was present to discuss the previously defeated Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 85, which would include the regulation of Non-Metered Vehicles for Hire.

Ms. Larcom noted that she can resubmit the ordinance to City Council, noting that as written it would cover TNCs.

The Board reviewed the draft and recommended a few changes, including 7:156(b) to include the words "for hire." There was discussion about this section requiring TNCs to comply with the State Limo Act, including requirements for insurance and commercial plates.

Officer Adkins requested that 7:156 (a) be changed to require the certificate of registration be displayed on the outside of the vehicle.

Chair Benson suggested that the ordinance also include regulation of pedicabs. Ms. Larcom replied that a separate pedicab ordinance might make more sense. It was decided to rewrite the ordinance to explicitly include pedicabs.

The Board also discussed the experience that Austin, Texas had with the regulation of TNCs. It was decided to invite the City Administrator to their next meeting to discuss this issue and the future role of the Board.

16-0956

Proposed Ordinance to Create Transportation Commission

Sponsors: Taxicab Board

Attachments: Transportation Commission, July 18 Memo to Council

Ms. Beaudry stated that Mr. Slotten was in attendance to discuss next steps of the Board and their future, including the proposed Transportation Commission Ordinance. She noted that the Public Services Area had also reviewed a draft of a proposed Transportation Commission. Mr. Slotten stated at this point, he was in attendance to listen and learn. He noted that a concern of a Transportation Commission would be the availability of staff resources.

Commissioner Goeddel stated his interest in an expansion to a Transportation Commission is to take a more comprehensive robust approach to looking at transportation in the City, including how people move around the City, noting taxicabs are just one small piece of a transportation network that includes bicycles, busses, TNC, etc.

Chair Benson concurred, stating the Board was tasked with looking at their future role, but they have taken that a step further with this proposal. He encouraged City staff to provide feedback and guidance on next steps.

Deferred to the Taxicab Board due back on 9/22/2016

UPCOMING BUSINESS

Officer Adkins stated she would provide an update at the next meeting regarding licensed taxi drivers and registered vehicles.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Lady, seconded by Goeddel, that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.