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## Vehicle for Hire Licensing Board Administrative Offices

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Vehicle for Hire Licensing Board Agenda  
Conference Room 12, City Hall  
Thursday, November 10, 2016  
9:03 AM

**Present:** Adam Roof, (AR)  
LT. Dennis Duffy, DD  
Charlie Herrick, CH  
Gregg Meyer (Assistant City Attorney), GM  
Ashley Bryce (Taxi Administration), AB

1. AGENDA

On motion by Commissioners Keogh and Duffy the agenda was adopted with amendment of adding 3.03.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No one present.

3. DISCUSSION:

3.01. City Fee Signs

AB explained that there are signs in each cab for pricing in Burlington to add the \$0.25 per drop off or pick up in Burlington.

CH volunteered to help update language on signs for cars.

3.02. Updates

AB explained this was added for enforcement officer update but this is still being talked about internally.

GM explained that the job description had been started, but was decided the position will be going to BPD.

CH asked if this will be civilian not police officer.

GM replied yes but hopefully with police background.

DD explained the BPD already have civilians working out of Police Department.

GM told Board this position will have access to PD database, working night hours and someday hours. Authority for Vehicle for Hire Ordinance violations, if there are motor vehicle violations then they can call the police.

CH asked if ghost riding will be occurring.

GM said the fees for this position was for staffing not ghost riding.

AR inquired that ghost riding to be part of this to enforce the ordinance. Maybe fees for violations can be incorporated back into ghost rides.

GM stated that Ashley and he will follow up with Bob to have this part of this job description.

AR stated he will reach out to the Mayor to receive some funds to get the ghost riding to begin.

### 3.03. Determination of Fees Paid

CH asked that fees already paid to be credited toward the \$0.25 per ride fee. Asked how they will let companies know how much they will be credited.

GM stated new fee schedule just started for November and there was three months of non- payment.

AB insisted that she had believed that the base fee paid in August was not to be refunded or credited as it was going toward the first three months.

CH said he should not pay until at least January with already paying \$8300.

AB replied that August, September and October would be not determined as most companies did not keep records. Those are three months that they were driving without paying the \$0.25 per ride fee.

CH said his competitor "Uber" had not paid a fee, and this should be an equal playing field.

GM stated cause no one was counting rides, fees paid under old ordinance would be credited toward the ultimate budget. When that budget is met then fees will be stopped until the new year.

AR stated that under the MOU, Raiser was not at the same playing field that is why now the new ordinance was written to make the playing field equal. Any company that had paid annual fee maybe given a 25% credit from the beginning of the year and not the end. AR believed there are two approaches, first is to take new fee schedule that any company that had paid annual fee credit them for the \$0.25 per ride fee. Second approach is to keep fees paid and stop taking payment when budget is met. Administratively which will be more of a problem.

AB stated the first approach, others process payment, that driver's names or business names were processed. If the driver's names went into the system then I would be longer to find out what business paid for them. It would take longer to find what was processed to be credited, then to reduce when budget is met. There also had been some driver's

licenses reduced per new fee schedule that those would not be considered as amount of money paid.

GM stated it was planned to just move forward with payments until budget was met.

CH requested that Uber to pay an annual fee plus the \$0.25 starting in December would not be fair but could be dealt with.

AR asked to find a solution, could the companies pay then with amount of fees paid do a refund.

GM said he and Ashley would meet with Bob about how fees can be credited or refunded. Not a perfectly smooth transition and we all are learning.

DD said he understood the equity piece, but the reason for new ordinance is to make the playing field equal.

GM stated points are fair but sometimes got to look forward and not backward. This was supposed to be processed before the year began but it was post pone for a while but fees had to be charged.

AR stated outcome is conversation with Bob will need to happen to talk on how fees can be equalized. Give all companies a 25% credit from the amount they have paid and put toward their monthly payments due.

#### 4. VEHICLE FOR HIRE DENIALS:

- 4.01. Emily Morrill; Quik Cab  
Not Present; Roof tabled and post-pone seconded by Duffy.
- 4.02. Stephanie Morrill; Quick Cab  
Not Present; Roof tabled and post-pone seconded by Duffy.

#### 5. AGREEMENT

- 5.01. Green Cab MOU & Agreement

No Quorum AR tabled and post-pone seconded by Duffy.

#### 6. MINUTES:

- 6.01. Taxi Licensing Board 10/05/2016

On a motion by Commissioners Duffy and Roof the minutes were adopted.

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioners Roof and Dennis was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.