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Vehicle for Hire Licensing Board Agenda
Conference Room 12, City Hall
Wednesday, December 14, 2016
9:04 AM

Present: Jeffrey Munger, JM
Dennis Duffy, DD
Adam Roof, (AR)
Charlie Herrick, CH
Gregg Meyer (Assistant City Attorney), GM
Ashley Bryce (Taxi Administration), AB
Angela Salls, AS

1. AGENDA

On motion by commissioners Roof and Duffy the agenda was adopted as is.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No one present.

3. DISCUSSION:

3.01. Updates

AB led with updates, stated about half of the VfH companies had come into the office to pay their monthly fees.

AB explained the hand out of all VfH companies and drivers that are registered in Burlington as of December 13, 2016.

AB wanted to give update on taxi stands with in Burlington. BK and JM had a meeting with DPW representative to make more parking spaces taxi stands.

JM explained they would like to set up taxi stands in the loading zones after hours. Loading zones are non-parking with non meters until 6 pm in the evening. As there are no meters, visitors in Burlington park in these spaces after hours and do not pay to park. If the City is currently not making money from these spaces in the downtown area near Church Street, Commissioners believed after 6 pm they should be opened up for taxi stands. DPW had asked to take some taxi stands to be removed and meters in these spaces. VfH board would like to keep all the spaces with adding more.

GM stated to move further on having those spaces to be transferred to taxi stands for after hours of loading, the board will need to present to the DPW Commission. If DPW Commission approves it will need to follow to Ordinance Committee and City Council.

Reasons to make these spaces taxi stands:

- Public safety; pedestrians do not need to hail cabs; have areas where pedestrians can walk to
- Less pollution of cabs driving around in circles in Burlington
- Enhancement of taxi services
- Requesting of 6 spaces (CH will send response of locations of space.)

DD requested two spaces that he would prefer not to change from loading to taxi stands are the couple that are required for backing up onto Main Street. Which is unsafe with the amount of traffic.

GM stated he will begin writing a request to the DPW Commission to be on their next meeting.

CH requested for the hours be changed to loading zone time ends that these spaces can become Taxi Stands at that time. Preferably start at 6 pm not midnight.

4. VEHICLE FOR HIRE DENIALS:

4.01. Angela Salls; Blazer Transportation

GM explained the procedure to be followed and introduced the Vehicle for Hire Board and swore Angela Salls in for testimony.

AS began by explaining she has been working for Blazer Transportation for past 6 months in Stowe. Applied for Burlington License to do drop off and pick-ups at the Airport. Most of her record is from fines for driving without license. These are currently taken care of and she has her license back.

AS stated she had a drug conviction a year ago. Since then she is serving three year probation, she visits councilor once a week and an UA. She stated she is clean now. She likes her job and helping people out in need. Especially helping pick up customers at the

bars that way she knows they are not driving drunk. AS works Sunday night to Friday morning. Will sign any waivers to talk to her probation officers.

AR asked who her boss was.

AS responded Ricky, she had never met him. Currently she only can drop off on Catherine Street in South Burlington for the airport and now that it is getting cold she would like to be able take customers directly onto the airport grounds.

GM stated board will take this matter into consideration and a letter will be issued.

Hearing closed.

On Motion by Commissioners Munger and Roof to enter executive session.

On Motion by Commissioners Munger and Roof to exit executive session.

5. MOTION:

5.01. Approve the Refund of Yearly Payments for all VfH Businesses

AB clarified this approval was presented at last meeting, each company paid for their driver(s), business license and vehicle license(s) at renewal. She added all amounts less the \$90 for business license. Two-thirds of this amount will be refunded to company owners if approved by the board.

On a motion by Commissioners Herrick and Roof the refunds were approved.

6. MINUTES:

6.01. Taxi Licensing Board 11/18/16

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioners Roof and Duffy meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.