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## Vehicle for Hire Licensing Board

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Vehicle for Hire Licensing Board Agenda  
Conference Room 12, City Hall  
Friday, March 24, 2017  
9:09 AM

**Present:** Jeffrey Munger, JM  
Bill Keogh, BK  
Adam Roof, AR  
Charlie Herrick, CH  
Gregg Meyer, GM  
Ashley Bryce, AB  
Stacey Nelson, SN

1. AGENDA

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

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No one present.

3. VIOLATOR:

3.01. Dunwright Taxi, LLC – Stacey Nelson – Non-Payment

AB stated that the violator was not served an official letter from Chittenden County Sheriff Department until 8:20 the morning of the meeting. As the administration office had been trying to contact the violator in multiple forms for the past three month. The Sheriff's Department made four attempts before that morning to present SN with the paperwork of the hearing.

GM stated since the defendant did not receive paperwork prior to the morning of the meeting, he requested the meeting to be post-poned until the violator can be contacted with a significant amount of time.

On a motion by Commissioners Keogh and Roof post-pone meeting.

Per BK and AR motion BK requested City Attorney Meyer to explain what the Board rights are for revocation of Company license for failure to pay new fee schedule.

GM responded he could not remember not having a Vehicle for Hire Company not respond. He will look into the options for suspension.

Stacey Nelson from Dunwright became present at 9:15.

On a motion by Commissioners Keogh and Roof move for reconsideration for item number 3 on the agenda.

GM began by explaining why Dunwright was brought in front of the Vehicle for Hire Licensing Board, introduced the members and swore Stacey Nelson in.

GM asked if SN was owner and operator of Dunwright Taxi and how long.

SN responded he was the owner and has been since 2011, but sole owner since last May.

GM asked if he received notification of the new fee schedule from the City of Burlington administration office.

SN responded yes.

GM asked if Dunwright paid any fees to the City per new fee schedule if not why.

SN responded no because he had been working seven days a week and at first did not have the fees to pay.

GM asked about numerous notices sent to SN to respond to this board.

SN responded he saw notices but knew what they were and that he did not look at them.

BK spoke stating SN ignored the City, and to do business in the City. Negligence and irresponsible.

SN responded it wasn't willfulness, just working too much and not having time to pay. He estimated November payment to be \$480.00 about 1,920 rides. Wrote a check for an estimate since November for the past few months for \$2,400.

GM asked how SN keeps records of rides in Burlington.

SN responded his drivers hand in, at the end of the week a form of their rides, he keeps the records at his home.

GM explained with the \$2,400 check it is paying for November, December, January, February and March.

AR stated the ordinance does not call for estimation of rides, he believed the check should be accepted, but an actual count of pick up and drops offs that occurred in Burlington needs to occur. Then refund or request for more will be done.

JM asked if the administration can do an audit.

GM responded yes. Asked SN how long before we can receive the documentation to do an audit. Need confirmation of a day this will in the Clerk/Treasurer Office.

SN responded by Wednesday, March 29, 2017.

AR requested from the Board, all records that exist from November to current date in March no later than Wednesday. If comes in after Wednesday more of a discussion will need to occur,

BK asked if SN has another source of income and how many drivers.

SN responded no and four.

AR asked AB how many companies operate in Burlington and how many have not paid.

AB answered there were about 50 plus companies all but Dunwright has been paying.

AR stated he understood the life of not having time to do all priorities but for this City this is public safety and not being able to get hold of an operator is an issue.

On Motion by Commissioners Keogh and Roof to enter executive session at 9:39 am.

On Motion by Commissioners Keogh and Roof to exit executive session 9:56 am.

On Motion by Commissioners Keogh and Herrick to recommend City Attorney Meyer to give his recommended motion. GM stated following Administration's audit the City Attorney's Office will send a written decision from the Board Chair stating no action on the license will occur but a fine will be issued for failure to pay for 5 months at 20% amount owed per month plus service fees.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Munger meeting was adjourned with no objections at 9:57 am.

