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Vehicle for Hire Licensing Board Minutes
Conference Room 12, City Hall
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8:44 AM

1. AGENDA

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

2. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

3. DISCUSSION:

3.01. New Ordinance

BK requested City Attorney to brief the Board with changes between old and new ordinance as well as write up a summary of the different changes for all Vehicle for Hire Drivers/Companies.

GM explained a brief overview of the broad changes that occurred between old and new ordinance.

- Vehicle management and Airport operations have been removed
- Option for companies to do own background checks per approval from City Council
- Fee structure changed, still waiting for approval from City Council
 - Pay one base then a fee for pick up or drop off in Burlington

BK inquired about surge pricing

GM explained this was brought up by Uber and other TNC companies. Some companies requested that during busier times they would like to charge higher so more people would drive. The fee needs to be agreed upon before the rider accepts the ride.

JM asked if there is something in ordinance showing place for complaints.

AB stated she had printed out Passenger Bill of Rights and Complaint contact was given to all companies.

GM stated any street hail needs meter but if agreed upon before pick then meter doesn't need to be used.

AR stated this is not permission for bad cabbies to make more money, dynamic model does make more cabbies to get on the road. Negotiating price before leaving is best way.

AB stated one big change is that driver's records only looks back 7 years and more than 3 moving violations. Used to be life time and 3 moving violations.

RH stated that changing of tires can effect meters.

3.02. 10 Year or New Vehicles – Ricky Handy, Blazer

BK moved to change agenda to take up 4.01. Then return to 3.02.

On motion by Commissioners Keogh and Roof MSK attachments was accepted and placed on file.

Please see attachment for RH concern of 10 year or newer vehicles.

4. VEHICLE FOR HIRE DENIALS:

4.01. Normand Houle; Blazer Transportation

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

NH stated he had made a mistake over two years ago but has not got into any trouble since. Considers himself safe driver and RH had been letting him drive in Stowe to make income.

BK asked how the board will know he changed.

NH stated he hasn't drank over two years.

BK asked if in a program.

NH replied no.

BK asked if been stopped or any warnings?

NH replied no.

AR asked if any dependents.

NH replied no.

BK asked if any other job?

NH replied no.

JM asked if only one accident.

NH replied he was hit head on.

GM swore in RH.

RH began by stating NH does do long distance runs, NH is most prompt and slow driver. He is safe driver and would be an honor to have him working back in Burlington.

BK asked how long RH has known him?

RH stated for about 15 years.

GM asked where jobs originate?

RH replied all over state and taken to out of state.

GM asked if any originate in Burlington?

NH stated yes. In past month one pick up in Burlington two days ago.

GM asked if any others came out of Burlington?

NH stated only one.

Hearing closed.

Back to 3.02.

5. MINUTES:

5.01. Taxi Licensing Board 07/26/16

On a motion by Commissioners Keogh and Roof the minutes were adopted with correction to Commissioner Keogh's name.

On Motion by Commissioners Keogh and Roof to enter executive session at 9:44.

On Motion by Commissioners Keogh and Roof to exit executive session at 9:54.

6. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioners Keogh and Roof was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.