



Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building North, Room 16, 733 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

June 18, 2014

Chair Lonergan called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Campbell, Lonergan, and Mayor Strickland.

Council Committee Members Absent: Thoms (arrived at 4:47 p.m.)

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 21, 2014

Council Member Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Mayor Strickland. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

For-hire Transportation Services

At approximately 4:38 p.m., Mayor Strickland provided information on why this conversation is occurring today. Danielle Larson, Finance, provided background information on ride-share companies and the City's outreach process with taxicab owners and Uber representatives. Ms. Larson then reviewed current and proposed taxicab requirements within the City.

Council Member Thoms arrived, here at 4:47 p.m.

Ms. Larson stated there would be a global positioning system requirement for taxicab proposed regulations; however it was not documented on the PowerPoint as presented. She then reviewed current and proposed requirements for Uber vehicles, taxicab and Uber drivers, and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding the ability to refuse fares, rating systems through telephone application, age requirements of vehicles, waivers based on vehicle type, insurance rating requirements, business license fees, third party inspections, meter inspections, and background checks.

Public comment was heard from Dustin Lambro, Brooke Steger, Ashton Haldane, Omar Ahmed, Sergio Anastasio, Annabel Chang, Susan Dye, and Tori Fair regarding taxicab and for-hire transportation services. Discussion continued regarding background checks relative to the Tacoma Municipal Code, safety inspections for electric vehicles, Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility, regulating safety, and the potential opportunity for ride-share companies to add vehicle descriptions to their telephone applications. Chair Lonergan and Council Member Campbell requested staff review Seattle's recent laws against our current proposed requirements. Chair Lonergan requested staff bring draft legislation and requirements back to this Committee.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Christina Watts, City Manager's Office, stated the next meeting is July 2, 2014 with presentations relating to Public Utility Board interviews, Tacoma Employees' Retirement System, and divestment of fossil fuels. Tansy Hayward, Assistant City Manager, stated the

meeting of July 16, 2014 will tentatively have continued discussion on for-hire transportation services, dependent on the number of applicants for the "For" and "Against" Committee for proposed amendments to the City Charter; noting the meeting of July 30, 2014 is available. Chair Lonergan stated his preference is to have the for-hire transportation services back on July 16, 2014.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.



Joe Lonergan, Chair



Nicole Emery, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office