



Taxi and Livery Commission

Regular

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36 Court Street
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Tasheena Davis
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Tuesday, September 11, 2018

4:15 PM

City Hall--Room 220

I. Call to Order

4:15 PM Meeting called to order on September 11, 2018 at City Hall--Room 220, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

II. Public Portion

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

Taxi & Livery Commission

Meeting of September 11, 2018

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on September 11, 2018 at 4:15p.m. Commissioners Tasheena Davis, Daniel Baro and Joseph Dunn were present. Commissioners Robert Jones and Henry Payne were absent. The meeting was held at Springfield City Hall, 36 Court Street, Room 220, Springfield, MA.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST order of business- Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes for the Taxi and Livery Commission Hearing held on Tuesday, July 10, 2018.

Commissioner Davis explained the minutes were not available and would be approved at a further hearing date.

Executive Session: A motion to go into executive session due to the nature of review (background checks) was made by Commissioner Baro. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunn, and was unanimously approved.

The Commission will go into Executive Session- To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

SECOND order of business:

Review- Denial of Taxi & Livery Application for Bernard Harvey (Failure of Background Check).

Applicant appeared Pro se.

After discussion:

Commissioner Baro motioned to approve the license. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunn with a unanimous vote to approve.

THIRD order of business:

Review- Denial of Taxi Application for Hubert Stanley (Failure of Background Check).

Applicant appeared Pro Se.

After discussion:

Commissioner Baro motioned to approve the license. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunn with a unanimous vote to approve.

FOURTH order of business:

Review- Denial of Taxi Application for Maab Ismael (Failure of Background Check).

Applicant appeared Pro Se.

After discussion:

Commissioner Baro motioned to deny the license. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunn with a unanimous vote to deny.

Open Session: Commissioner Jones made a motion to end executive session and resume open session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baro and unanimously approved.

FIFTH order of business:

Discuss- Taxi Stands on Main Street

Owner of Yellow Cab, Mr. Bahrehmand explained usually if a taxi company does business in the City, the City would put a sign up in a spot agreed upon by the City. He explained the best spot is where there is an Uber sign at MGM located across the street from the courthouse and that MGM has an Uber stand. Commissioner Baro explained that as of now, cabs are waiting outside of the MGM property on State Street. Sergeant Dunn explained Uber is supposed to be done by the app with no standing allowed. Commissioner Baro stated the sign is on MGM's property and asked if that mattered. Commissioner Davis stated that the no standing was state regulated, so it doesn't matter if it is on MGM's private property or not. Sergeant Dunn reiterated that the regulations state no hailing and no waiting. Mr. Bahrehmand stated that MGM and Uber are teaming up and there is an Uber stand on State Street. Sergeant Dunn asked if there was a spot on Main Street where Mr. Bahrehmand was requesting a taxi stand. Mr. Bahrehmand stated Main and Union was a spot they'd like a taxi stand. Commissioner Baro stated the request would go before the Traffic Commission and the spot would be reviewed and see if it is a feasible request. He advised Mr. Bahrehmand that if he wanted a specific spot taking pictures and bringing them to the Traffic Commission meeting would be beneficial. Mr. Bahrehmand asked if it was alright if his drivers picked up in the same spot as Uber drivers. Commissioner Davis stated that isn't a problem for now. Sergeant Dunn explained he believes there is a relationship between Uber and MGM, but he would speak with the Traffic Unit of the SPD to see what is going on. Commissioner Baro explained the best spot for now is across the street where Square One is for picking up passengers and may be the best spot for a taxi stand. Sergeant Dunn explained that traffic safety must be taken into account when deciding.

SIXTH order of business:

Discuss-CORI Certification

Commissioner Davis stated she wanted to have all Commissioners present before discussing this agenda item. Commissioner Baro made a motion to table, seconded by Commissioner Dunn. All Commissioners voted in favor of tabling the item.

SEVENTH order of business:

Discuss-Driving Record Review

Commissioner Davis stated she wanted to have all Commissioners present before discussing this agenda item. Commissioner Baro made a motion to table, seconded by Commissioner Dunn. All Commissioners voted in favor of tabling the item.

EIGHTH order of business:

Discuss-Taxi & Livery Inspections

Commissioner Davis stated she is hopeful taxi and livery inspections could take place on October 13, 2018 but the medallions still were not ready so no inspection could occur until they were printed by the vendor. She explained she would reach out to the DPW staff and see if they are available. Sergeant Dunn stated he would check with Deputy Chief Claprood on the status of the medallions.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Alesia H. Days, Esq.

Director of Licensing