



Taxi and Livery Commission

Regular

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36 Court Street
Springfield, MA
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Tasheena Davis
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Tuesday, October 9, 2018

4:25 PM

City Hall--Room 220

I. Call to Order

4:25 PM Meeting called to order on October 9, 2018 at City Hall--Room 220, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

1. Statement

**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
Taxi & Livery Commission
Meeting of September October 9, 2018**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on October 9, 2018 at 4:25p.m. Commissioners Tasheena Davis, Daniel Baro, Robert Jones and Joseph Dunn were present. Commissioner Henry Payne was 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.

SECOND order of business- Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes for the Taxi and Livery Commission Hearing held on Tuesday, September 11, 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.

THIRD order of business:

Review- Denial of Taxi & Livery Application for Omar Brown (Failure of Background Check).

Applicant appeared Pro se.

After discussion:

Commissioner Baro motioned to continue the hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones with a unanimous vote to continue the hearing.

FOURTH order of business:

Review- Denial of Taxi Application for Corey Taylor (Failure of Background Check).

Applicant appeared Pro Se.

After discussion:

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

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-Review Complaint received on 09/23/18

Commissioner Davis explained the Licensing Department received a complaint about a discourteous taxi driver. She explained that the Commission could use progressive discipline and she would send a letter to the taxi Company advising them of the complaint and that discipline would follow any additional, verified complaints.

SIXTH order of business:

Discuss-Taxi Stands on Main Street

Commissioner Baro explained that the City could not force MGM to give a spot for a taxi stand on their property. He explained that the Traffic Commission suggested a spot on Main Street for the taxi stand. He further explained that within 120 days MGM stated they would be creating 3 spaces for Yellow Cab and Ace Taxi on the MGM property near the South End Market, across from the courthouse. Commissioner Baro explained the taxi stand on Main Street would be temporary for 120 days, as the Traffic Commission did not want to give up three parking spaces on Main Street permanently if MGM was cooperating. Commissioner Jones asked if the taxi stands would be on MGM's property. Commissioner Baro explained they would. He also stated that according to the Department of Public Utilities Uber and Lyft are allowed to stand on private property like MGM's. Sergeant Dunn stated that Massachusetts General Laws states that there is no standing allowed and the app must be used. Commissioner Baro explained that they cannot technically stand because the app is required. Sergeant Dunn stated he will speak with the Gaming Unit of the SPD and have them look into it.

SEVENTH order of business:

Discuss-Taxi & Livery Inspections

Commissioner Dunn explained that October 13th is no longer feasible as the medallions purchase order was misplaced and then found and then misplaced again. Commissioner Dunn stated he is on vacation for most of November, so the inspections would have to take place in December. Commissioner Davis stated she would reach out to the DPW staff and see if they are available for December 8th if the medallions were produced. Sergeant Dunn stated he would check with Deputy Chief Claprood on the status of the medallions.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Alesia H. Days, Esq.

Director of Licensing