

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022, 7 P.M.
IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Chair James Lewis
- Vice Chair Ann Tucker
- Lavonda Bonnard
- Annie Ebbers (virtual)
- Casey Kane
- Ashley Mihalik

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Jason Osborne

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Katye North, Division Chief, T&ES
- Sean Martin, Urban Planner II, T&ES

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: no deferrals and withdrawals.
2. Approval of the October 24, 2022, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: No comments from the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane moved to approve the October 24, 2022 minutes. Ms. Tucker seconded the motion, and the minutes were adopted 6-0.

3. Approval of updated Electronic Meeting Policy

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane moved to approve the Electronic Meeting Policy. Ms. Mihalik seconded the motion, and the minutes were adopted 6-0.

4. **WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES:** The Board received written staff updates on the King Callahan Russell project, Complete Streets, the Duke and West Taylor Run Project, Parklets, and the Seminary Road Report.

5. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD:**

No speakers.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

6. **ISSUE:** Taxis – Biennial Review

DISCUSSION: Ms. North provided an overview of the Biennial Review and the proposed changes that staff recommended.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

Fassil Berhe, with Union Cab, spoke in support of the changes to the age requirements and fares and asked that there be an extension for any vehicles that reach the maximum age before Council reviews the amendment to the City Code.

Yassin Meri spoke in support of the changes to the age requirements and fares.

Kyle Summers, with Yellow Cab, spoke in support of the staff recommendations for changes to the age requirements and fares.

Daniel Woldegiorgis spoke in support of the changes noting this will help with competition with Uber and Lyft.

Abdul Karim, with King Cab, spoke in support of the changes and noted the signatures of support from drivers.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane moved to approve the staff recommendations in the Biennial Review with the following modifications: (1) Increase the taxi fare to \$3.50, but recommend the City Manager approve a \$0.50 surcharge once the current surcharge expires and the Board should discuss changes to fares in Fall 2023 taking into consideration any fare changes in neighboring jurisdictions; and (2) Eliminate the age requirement for taxis and extend the current authorizations for any vehicles who reach the age limit prior to the City Code amendment being reviewed by City Council. Ms. Bonnard seconded, and the motion was approved 6-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. STAFF UPDATES

No staff updates

8. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Mr. Kane noted the upcoming meetings in November for the Transportation Commission and the Duke Street at West Taylor Run Project and he provided an update on the Duke Street in Motion project and upcoming steps.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kane moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Tucker seconded. The motion was adopted unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

