

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2015, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
ROOM 2000**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, William Schuyler, Randy Cole, Elizabeth Jones, Melissa McMahon and Kevin Beekman.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: James Lewis

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief Traffic, Christopher Spera, City Attorney, Curtis McClish, Hack Inspector and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: There were no deferrals or withdrawals.
2. Approval of the October 26, 2015, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2015 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mrs. Carolyn Griglione spoke about the inconsistency of question number 6 on the West Taylor Run survey compared her outreach efforts into the community concerning the speed limit reduction on Seminary Road. She felt that the City's survey was not valid for this reason.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Recommendation by the Hack Inspector's Office that Mr. Abbasi's driver's permit, #1037, be suspended for 20 days for violation of City Code Section: 9-12-60 (A)(13) Rude or discourteous conduct towards a passenger

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mrs. Zari Karimian, owner of VIP Cab, answered the Board's questions and explained what VIP Cab was doing to address this issue with both the driver and the customer. She explained that Mr. Abbasi had apologized to the customer.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board. Mr. Spera and Officer McClish provided background information about the code and previous cases.

BOARD ACTION:

Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to suspend Mr. Abbasi's driver's permit for 10 days and that VIP Cab was to enroll him in anger management or customer service training approved by Mr. Garbacz. Documentation would need to be provided to the City showing his successful completion of the class. The motion carried with Mr. Johnson, Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Cole, Ms. Jones and Mr. Beekman voting in favor of the motion and Ms. McMahon voting in opposition to the motion.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to expand the taxi stand on the north side of the 2000 block of Ballenger Avenue.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke about this item.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve staff's recommendation to expand the taxi stand on the north side of 2000 block of Ballenger Ave. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to convert a grandfathered certificate of public convenience and necessity (Certificate) into a permanent Certificate.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Abdul Karim and Mr. Grant Redmon spoke in favor of this request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bob Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve a request to convert a grandfathered certificate of public convenience and necessity (Certificate) into a permanent Certificate with a condition of providing three months of dispatch records to the City. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to post "No Thru Truck" restrictions on West Rosemont Avenue between Russell Road and Commonwealth Avenue.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. David Norcross and Mrs. Linda Holland spoke in favor of the request. Additionally, Mrs. Holland mentioned about the alternate routes that trucks may go through other neighborhood streets.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bob Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve staff's recommendation to post "No through Trucks" signs on West Rosemont Avenue between Russell Road and Commonwealth Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install Stop signs on the Potomac Street/Pommander Walk Street approaches to the intersection of Potomac Street and Franklin Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bob Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve staff's recommendation to add stop signs on Potomac Street/ Pommander Walk Street. The motion carried unanimously.

9. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Schuyler updated the Board on their meeting with the City to discuss the fiscal year 2017 budget and the challenges for the next year.

Mr. Bob Garbacz updated the Board on the Duke and West Taylor Run survey as well as the proposed speed limit reduction on North Quaker Lane and Seminary Road that would be coming before the Board in 2016.