

Orlando City Council - Workshop
Council Chambers, City Hall
400 South Orange Avenue
October 20, 2014

In attendance:

Mayor Buddy Dyer
Commissioner Jim Gray, District 1
Commissioner Tony Ortiz, District 2*
Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, District 3
Commissioner Patty Sheehan, District 4
Commissioner Regina Hill, District 5
Commissioner Samuel B. Ings, District 6
Mayanne Downs, City Attorney
Alana C. Brenner, City Clerk
Officer Karen Long, Sergeant at Arms

*Commissioner Ortiz entered the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The topic of the workshop was "Vehicles for Hire Part II". Mayor Dyer called on Chief Administrative Officer Byron Brooks who provided a summary of the activity that had taken place regarding this topic since the September 8, 2014 workshop. Deputy City Attorney Jody Litchford then presented two options for moving forward to include the transportation network industry in Chapter 55 of the Orlando City Code. The first option would require no substantive changes but would increase penalties for violations and add a requirement for an NCIC (national) background check for drivers. The second option would reduce the barriers to entry and would include, among other things, creating a new category of permitted vehicles for hire with 4 passenger capacity, prohibit discrimination in service and provide a minimum fare of 25% above taxi rates.

At 10:20 a.m., the workshop was opened up to questions from the Commissioners and discussion ensued. Mr. Tom Draper, Director of Airport Operations from the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (GOAA) responded to questions as well. Finally, at approximately 11:00 a.m., Bryon Brooks returned to discuss next steps. He stated that the City Attorney's Office will begin drafting proposed amendments to Chapter 55 and staff will present the ordinance for first reading at the City Council meeting on November 17, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.



Alana C. Brenner
City Clerk