

City of St. Petersburg  
**Public Services & Infrastructure Committee**  
Meeting of October 13, 2016 – 9:15 a.m.  
City Hall, Room 100

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Members: Chair Steve Kornell, Vice-Chair Ed Montanari, Council Members Jim Kennedy, Jr., Charlie Gerdes

Alternate(s): Council Chair Amy Foster

Support Staff: John C. Norris, primary support staff; Nina Mahmoudi, backup support staff

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Approval of Minutes
  - a) September 22, 2016
- 4) New Business -
  - a) Continue discussion of Vehicle for Hire Ordinance - Legal – Judd
  - b) A Recommendation to Strengthen Wage Theft Ordinance Enforceability. – Human Resources – Eve Epstein
- 5) Upcoming meetings –
  - a) October 27, 2016
    - i) Revision to sign ordinance to all advertisement on bus shelters that are constructed with private sector funds.- Legal – Mark Winn
- 6) Adjournment

Attachments: Minutes of September 22, 2016 Committee Meeting  
Backup Material  
Pending and Continuing Referral List

City of St. Petersburg  
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Meeting of September 22, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.  
City Hall, Room 100

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**Members and Alternates:** Chair Steve Kornell, Vice-Chair Ed Montanari, Councilmembers Charlie Gerdes and Jim Kennedy.

**Others present:** Support Staff : John C. Norris, Stormwater, Pavement and Traffic Operations Director, Jeannine Williams, Chief Assistant City Attorney, Heather Judd, Assistant City Attorney, Sally Everett, Government Affairs Director & Pat Beneby, City Clerk

- 1) Call to Order 8:30 A.M.
- 2) Approval of Agenda
  - a) Motion for approval - Motion for approval by CM Kennedy. Unanimously Passed: 4-0.
- 3) Approval of Minutes
  - a) September 8, 2016 – Motion for approval by CM Gerdes. Unanimously Passed: 4-0
- 4) New Business
  - a) Continue discussion of Vehicle for Hire Ordinance - Legal - Judd
    - i. Chair Kornell opened with stating that Mayor Kriseman could not attend the meeting and that Sally Everett was attending in place. He also stated that there will be a public hearing for citizens to speak on this issue before the ordinance can be passed.
    - ii. Sally Everett began with explaining that the Mayor had scheduled an out of the office meeting before the PS&I meeting time was moved to earlier. She wanted to go over the previous comments made at the last meeting. The Mayor was looking for proof of insurance for the company of the driver, proof of the driver having a background check, a national sex offender check and a driver history check. The driver's company pays the business tax based on the current tax rate. The ordinance that has been created has an optional City of St Petersburg certification that any vehicle could obtain if it meets the list of requirements over and above the previous requirements. There would also be a cost associated with processing the paperwork. For all of the other kinds of vehicles for hire that the City currently has licensed, the ordinance would remain the same. Everett stated that there were comments made by stakeholders on version 18 of the ordinance and version 19 (the most up to date) shows the revision per the stakeholders comments.

- iii. CM Kennedy commented that due to the late distribution of the most up to date ordinance, there was not enough time to be able to “digest” the information and be well prepared for the meeting because of it. He did want to ask Judd how people with disabilities were covered in the ordinance to be able to partake in the ride sharing as well.
  
- iv. Heather Judd responded that on page 9, the new section 28-10 is not just for ride sharing but also for all public vehicles. CM Kennedy wants to know how that would actually operate in reality. He stated that his observation is that Uber does not provide handicap accessible vehicles. What are the ramifications for not being handicap accessible? Judd responded that currently the other types of transportation services available without wheelchair accessible vehicles carry a card that refers them to a company who is equipped with wheelchair accessible service. In the new ordinance in part D it is stated that they would have to direct the passenger to an alternate provider and if it needs to be more specifically articulated it can be. Jeannine Williams stated that in addition to our ordinance, if it is passed, the Americans with Disabilities Act does require private transportation services to make reasonable accommodation in some way. CM Kennedy wants to know if there is any indication whether the private ride share companies would abide by the ordinance. Judd deferred the question to Everett.
  
- v. Sally Everett responded that the whole point of this exercise was to come up with an ordinance that all the stakeholders feel gives them a reasonable opportunity to operate in the city. CM Kennedy would like to understand what that response may be. Everett stated that Uber stated that they will comply with everything in the ordinance.
  
- vi. CM Gerdes stated that he was able to read the new up to date ordinance (version 19) and that he was extremely grateful of what he read. The old ordinance pertaining to taxi drivers only was established decades ago and now the new version of the ordinance is re-looking at the entire ordinance rather than “adding more” to the old existing ordinance. CM Gerdes stated he was very impressed and appreciates the new ordinance. CM Gerdes stated that on page 2 there is a definition of “Public Vehicle Company” and on page 3, section 28-3 in the last paragraph, it states, “Proof required under this section may be provided by an individual driver or the public vehicle company that contracts with or employs the driver by affidavit.” He would like the definition on page 2 for “Public Vehicle Company” to be defined as any company that owns, contracts with or operates two or more public vehicles. He also had a question on his understanding of the way the ordinance operates. He stated his understanding is that it provides options for people who want to drive people for money. He stated that one of those options is that you can go through the certification process that the city approves and there’s requirement for providing information, as well as doing an annual update and getting an optional certification. If you do that the benefit to you is your insurance limits are \$100,000.00 per incident compared to \$1,000,000.00 coverage.

